

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging national policy makers to adopt an energy approach that increases United States energy security, achieves North American energy independence, ensures the availability of needed pipelines and infrastructure, stimulates the United States economy, and creates American jobs.

Whereas, New technology and newly accessible reserves have positioned the United States to become a global leader in oil and natural gas production. The new energy development has become a catalyst for economic growth, bringing affordable energy, jobs, revenues, and an accompanying resurgence of manufacturing. The United States crude oil and natural gas industry contributes more than \$1 trillion annually to the United States economy, or more than 7 percent of the United States gross domestic product, and supports more than 9 million jobs;

Whereas, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second



only to Saudi Arabia. Canada currently is the largest supplier of the United States' imported oil. Canada sends more than 99 percent of its oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries. The same money used to buy Canadian oil will likely be spent directly on United States goods and services, as contrasted to the money sent to hostile governments later used to further anti-democratic agendas;

Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor with a stable democratic government, strong environmental standards equal to that of the United States, and some of the most stringent human rights and worker protection legislation in the world;

Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota can replace crude oil imported from countries that do not share American values;

Whereas, The new North American opportunities are providing the U.S. government with a historic opportunity to dramatically enhance national energy security and affordability when America needs it most;

Whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles but to allow the United States' economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and disruptions of the crude oil supply from less secure parts of the world. The United States will need more oil and gas while also requiring additional alternative energy sources to fuel our economy;

Whereas, Worldwide competition for oil and natural gas will increase as Third World countries' economies and populations continue to grow at astonishing rates;

Whereas, Oil companies are investing huge sums to expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined products from Canadian oil;



Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products. The Keystone XL pipeline project will replace the equivalent of a tanker train 25 miles long or 200 ocean tankers per year. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or the equivalent of taking almost 4 million cars off the road;

Whereas, The Gulf Coast Pipeline Project is a \$2.3 billion project that will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs. The Keystone XL project will create approximately 9,000 construction jobs. Seventy-five percent of the pipe used to build Keystone XL in the United States will come from North American mills, including half made by United States workers. Goods for the pipeline valued at approximately \$800 million have already been sourced from United States manufacturers;

Whereas, In its fifth Environmental Impact Statement conducted in five years on the potential impacts of construction of Keystone XL released in January 2014, the United States Department of State found that building the Keystone XL pipeline will support more than 42,000 jobs and put \$2 billion in workers' pockets over the next two years;

Whereas, The United States Department of State found that building Keystone XL will have "limited adverse environmental impacts" during construction and operation, posing little risk to ground water; and

Whereas, Furthermore, the United States Department of State found that Keystone XL will have no impact on climate change because Canada's oil sands will be developed, regardless of its construction, by developing countries if not developed for the United States: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 2 President of the United States to support the continued and increased
- 3 importation of oil derived from Canadian oil sands.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 5 President of the United States to grasp the opportunity to make North
- 6 America energy independent by ensuring that America's tax,



1 regulatory, and access policies support developing our natural
2 resources safely and responsibly.

3 SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
4 Secretary of State of the United States to approve the Keystone XL
5 pipeline application from Trans Canada to reduce dependence on
6 unstable governments, improve our national security, and strengthen
7 ties with an important ally.

8 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to members of the
10 Indiana congressional delegation, the Secretary of State of the United
11 States, and the President of the United States.

