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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 726

1.1 A resolution

1.2 urging the President of the United States to consider the current geopolitical tensions

1.3 and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy

1.4 affordability, security, leadership and progress, including actions that result in the

1.5 continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new

1.6 pipelines, and an end to restrictions on developing our nation's onshore and offshore

1.7 oil and natural gas resources.

1.8 WHEREAS, oil and natural gas are vital components of our nation's economy, providing

1.9 more than 11 million jobs nationwide, including 172,900 total jobs and \$23 billion in gross domestic

1.10 income in Minnesota alone; and

1.11 WHEREAS, United States energy abundance has provided security that has historically led

1.12 to reliable, affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the world is looking to America for energy leadership and stability as current

1.14 geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households,

1.15 both in the United States and across Europe; and

1.16 WHEREAS, operation and expansion of a key component of America's energy success, our

1.17 oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those

1.18 commodities, are being blocked by the federal government and many state governments; and

1.19 WHEREAS, the Biden administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop

1.20 oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the program provides

1.21 billions in revenues to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs

1.22 throughout the country; and

1.23 WHEREAS, United States offshore production is one of the least carbon-intensive

1.24 energy-producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shift

1.25 production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress;

1.26 NOW, THEREFORE,

2.1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it strongly urges the  
2.2 President of the United States to take measures and support policies that ensure long-term American  
2.3 energy leadership, security, and progress, including those that result in the continued operation of  
2.4 existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, the resumption  
2.5 of consistent, credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program  
2.6 to guide future offshore leasing.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed  
2.8 to prepare enrolled copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States,  
2.9 the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Federal  
2.10 Energy Regulatory Commission, the Minnesota Congressional delegation, and the news media of  
2.11 Minnesota.