

## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

Whereas, the United States is an importer of oil and various petroleum products, making it dependent on foreign sources and subject to interruptions and price fluctuations stemming from geopolitical conflicts; and

Whereas, such instability has damaging consequences both for our economy and our national security; and

Whereas, the United States Geological Survey estimates a resource of up to 27 billion barrels of oil in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas of Alaska, providing a vast domestic oil reserve, but opposition and regulatory hurdles are keeping energy producers from accessing these resources; and

Whereas, the TC Energy Keystone XL pipeline project seeks to link expanded oil production from the Canadian oil sands to refineries in the United States and to facilitate the flow of oil from the Dakotas to the Gulf Coast, thereby decreasing our dependence on oil from outside of North America; and

Whereas, Canada is a close friend and ally, with whom we share links of infrastructure and energy networks and other ties, so that dollars spent on Canadian oil will likely contribute to the success of the American economy; and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline project is projected to create construction and manufacturing jobs in the United States, adding billions of dollars to the United States economy:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call upon President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and administration officials to:

(1) Support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the TC Energy Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable governments, strengthen ties with an important ally, and create jobs for American workers;

(2) Support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.