

HOUSE RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION in support of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly strongly supports policy decisions that enhance our country's energy security, create jobs, and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL Pipeline will give American refiners, businesses, and consumers access to Canadian oil sands energy resources, the third-largest proven oil reserves in the world; and

WHEREAS, with the Keystone XL Pipeline, U.S. crude oil imports from Canada could reach 4 million barrels per day by 2030, roughly twice the amount the U.S. currently imports from the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, Canada is our largest trading partner, our strong democratic ally, and a stable energy supplier that imposes strict environmental controls on crude oil production and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL Pipeline is widely acknowledged to be an economically advantageous project that, by the Department of State's own estimates, will support more than 42,000 U.S. jobs generating \$2 billion in wages over two years; and

WHEREAS, with the Keystone XL Pipeline, development of Canadian oil sands could be spurred in a manner that would support 500,000 U.S. jobs and add over \$775 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2035; and

WHEREAS, Canadian oil sands energy resources will be developed whether the Keystone XL Pipeline is constructed or not; and

WHEREAS, if the United States does not gain access to oil sands reserves, other countries, such as China, will seize the competitive advantage that energy provides; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State's Final Environmental Impact Statement released on January 31, 2014, found no evidence that the Keystone XL Pipeline would have a significant impact on the environment or on climate change; and

WHEREAS, polls have found that 69% of American voters support building the Keystone XL Pipeline; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this legislative body hereby urges the U.S. Department of State to officially decree that building the Keystone XL Pipeline serves our country's national interests and to recommend that TransCanada be granted the presidential permit necessary to begin construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, and the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.