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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline will be an integrated  
3 infrastructure system to deliver Canadian bitumen and  
4 synthetic crude oil, derived from bitumen, to U.S. oil  
5 refineries that will be able to use this commodity chemical in  
6 the same way as crude oil pumped directly from the ground; and

7           WHEREAS, Much of the Keystone XL pipeline is already in  
8 place and supplying fuel for a job-creating oil refinery  
9 complex in Wood River, Illinois, and thus indirectly providing  
10 diesel fuel and gasoline for motorists throughout the Midwest;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Although the soaring price of motor fuel is  
13 currently causing frustrations for consumers throughout  
14 Illinois, there are State and national policies that can be  
15 changed to help ordinary Americans; and

16           WHEREAS, The oil industry has repeatedly requested  
17 granting of the final federal government permits to enable  
18 expansion of the Keystone XL pipeline system, and this  
19 expansion would enable more bitumen oil sands to be mined in  
20 North America and further decrease our continent's dependence  
21 upon uncertain oil supplies pumped from hostile regions of the  
22 world; and

1           WHEREAS, Completion of the Keystone XL pipeline system will  
2 not only create jobs in pipeline construction and oil refining,  
3 but will be a necessary element of our future national  
4 security; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we commend the members of Congress of the United States who  
8 have called for the expansion and completion of the Keystone XL  
9 pipeline system; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That we call upon the current President of the  
11 United States and his administration to speed up the process of  
12 granting the final permits to enable construction to begin on  
13 the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline network for reasons  
14 of consumer protection and national security; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That we request that the United States Department  
16 of Defense make a public statement as to the desirability of  
17 maximizing the production of fossil fuels within the boundaries  
18 of North America as part of our overall worldwide strategic  
19 position in relations to nations that do not wish well to the  
20 United States; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent

1 to the members of the Illinois congressional delegation, the  
2 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of  
3 Defense, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the  
4 United States Secretary of Energy, and the Administrator of the  
5 United States Environmental Protection Agency.