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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The price of motor fuel, at the pumps where
3 Americans buy it, is approaching the record-high price set in
4 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Motor fuel is a commodity for which demand is
6 inelastic, because its consumption is closely tied to promises
7 made by ordinary American families; parents have promised
8 their employers they will drive to work, and they have
9 promised their children they will drive them to soccer
10 practice; and

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WHEREAS, United States home production of oil and natural
12 gas is closely tied to federal policies; much of the U.S. oil
13 and gas that is yet to be pumped comes from federal lands and
14 waters in the Rocky Mountains, the Great Plains, the Gulf of
15 Mexico, coastal California, and Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, In this time of grave national uncertainty and
17 economic and military threats, it is urgent that we achieve
18 true energy independence in the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, To achieve true U.S. energy independence, we need
20 to maximize the production of American energy, including
21 energy from U.S. federal lands, as well as reducing barriers

1 to the construction of infrastructure to pump, deliver, and
2 refine energy; and

3 WHEREAS, Some voices continue to call for limiting or
4 shutting down particular oil fields, energy production
5 regions, and energy production technologies that are under our
6 control and that we can use to achieve true energy
7 independence and maintain our national security; and

8 WHEREAS, Whenever we listen to these voices, Americans pay
9 more at the pump; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we declare U.S. oil and natural gas energy independence to be
13 an urgent national priority; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we call upon the federal government and
15 President Joe Biden to reverse current anti-production
16 policies and to take all possible steps to maximize immediate
17 U.S. oil and gas production, including from U.S. federal lands
18 and waters; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
20 President Joe Biden, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer
21 Granholm, and all members of the Illinois Congressional

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1 Delegation.