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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States relies, and will continue to
3 rely for many years, on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel despite
4 the recent focus on renewable and alternative sources of
5 energy; and

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WHEREAS, In order to fuel our economy, the United States
7 will need more oil and natural gas, while also requiring
8 additional alternative energy sources; and

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WHEREAS, The United States currently depends on foreign
imports for more than one half of its petroleum usage and is
the largest consumer of petroleum in the world; U.S.
dependence on overseas oil has created difficult geopolitical
relationships, with potentially damaging consequences for our
national security; and

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WHEREAS, Oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana,
North Dakota, and South Dakota are an increasingly important
crude oil resource, representing an estimated 11 billion
barrels of recoverable crude oil; there is not enough pipeline
capacity for crude oil supplies from Montana, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas to American refineries; and

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WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated 170

1 billion barrels of recoverable oil; Canada is the
2 single-largest supplier of oil to the United States at four
3 million barrels per day and has the capacity to significantly
4 increase that rate; and

5 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline will, when completed,
6 carry 700,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American
7 refineries; and

8 WHEREAS, Construction of the project will create 120,000
9 jobs nationwide, including 20,000 in construction and
10 manufacturing, create \$20 billion in economic growth, and
11 generate millions of dollars' worth of government receipts;
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13 WHEREAS, Studies have found that increasing delivery of
14 crude oil from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and
15 Alberta, as well as Texas and Oklahoma, to American refineries
16 has the potential to substantially reduce our country's
17 dependency on sources outside of North America; and

18 WHEREAS, Canada sends more than 99 percent of its oil
19 exports to the United States, the bulk of which goes to
20 Midwestern refineries, and oil companies are investing huge
21 sums to expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and
22 elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined products from

1 Canadian oil derived from oil sands; the expansion and upgrade
2 projects will create many new construction jobs and
3 substantially add to the gross product of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of the money used to buy Canadian
5 oil will likely later be spent directly on U.S. goods and
6 services in contrast with increasing the trade relationship
7 with unstable regions; supporting the continued shift toward
8 reliable and secure sources of North American oil is of vital
9 interest to the United States and the State of Illinois;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we support the continued and increased development and
14 delivery of oil derived from North American oil reserves to
15 American and Illinois refineries; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to support continued and
17 increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the
18 United States; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge approval of the Keystone XL
20 pipeline project to ensure America's oil independence, improve
21 our national security, reduce the cost of gasoline, create new
22 jobs, and strengthen ties between the United States and

1 Canada; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the President of the United States, the United
4 States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary
5 of Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
6 and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.