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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States sends hundreds of billions of  
3 dollars a year overseas for oil; a dangerous amount of this  
4 money is funneled through front groups and fake charities to  
5 terrorist groups and insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan who  
6 attack United States troops; and

7 WHEREAS, U.S. military veterans, including veterans  
8 involved with Operation Free, advocate for reducing both  
9 America's oil dependence and carbon emissions in order to  
10 strengthen American security; and

11 WHEREAS, Countless men and women who bravely wear the  
12 uniform of our nation's armed services face threats and  
13 challenges caused by America's dependence on oil; and

14 WHEREAS, Investing in clean energy can both create new jobs  
15 in Illinois and make the United States more economically  
16 competitive in the global economy; and

17 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. State  
18 Department, and the Central Intelligence Agency all recognize  
19 climate disruption as a threat to our national security because  
20 it destabilizes weak countries, turning them into breeding  
21 grounds for terrorism; and

1           WHEREAS, U.S. demand for oil drives up the price  
2 everywhere, allowing countries we refuse to buy from to profit,  
3 such as Iran, who uses its petroleum profits to fund its  
4 nuclear program; and

5           WHEREAS, The national and international challenges of  
6 America's oil dependence and fighting climate disruption are  
7 influenced by the energy and climate policies of individual  
8 states; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we state our intent to duly  
12 consider the ramifications for America's security when taking  
13 up issues concerning carbon emissions and oil dependence; and  
14 be it further

15           RESOLVED, That we state our intent to consider partnerships  
16 with other states in the region on clean energy and  
17 oil-use-reduction programs where such joint ventures can  
18 efficiently and effectively address the challenges of climate  
19 change and oil dependence; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That we resolve to encourage the growth of the  
21 clean-energy sector in order to create jobs for Illinoisans,

1 reduce carbon emissions, and strengthen America's security;  
2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation to  
4 America's service members, veterans, and military families for  
5 their selfless service to our country and recognizes the  
6 veterans of Operation Free for their continued work in service  
7 of our national security.