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HOUSE 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, as well as to insurgents in Iraq and  
6 Afghanistan who attack U.S. troops; and

7           WHEREAS, The men and women who serve our nation face  
8 serious threats as they secure the flow of oil necessary to  
9 meet our demand; and

10           WHEREAS, In Afghanistan, one out of every 24 fuel convoys  
11 results in an American casualty; and

12           WHEREAS, Billions of gallons of fuel are consumed every  
13 year by U.S. military vehicles that are dedicated to securing  
14 oil transportation routes; and

15           WHEREAS, U.S. demand for oil drives up the price  
16 everywhere, allowing countries we refuse to buy from to profit,  
17 such as Iran, which uses its petroleum profits to fund its  
18 nuclear program; and

19           WHEREAS, The United States Navy, Marines, Air Force, and  
20 Army are all currently investing in clean energy technology to

1 aggressively reduce their reliance on fossil fuels because the  
2 technology saves money and saves lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Investing in clean energy can both create new jobs  
4 in Illinois and make the United States more economically  
5 competitive in the global economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The national and international challenges of  
7 America's oil dependence are influenced by the energy policies  
8 of individual states; and

9 WHEREAS, U.S. military veterans, including the veterans  
10 coalition Operation Free, advocate for reducing America's oil  
11 dependence in order to strengthen American security;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we state our intent to duly consider the ramifications for  
16 America's security when taking up issues concerning energy  
17 development and our dependence on oil, adopt policies that  
18 encourage the growth of the clean-energy sector in order to  
19 encourage innovation, create jobs for Illinoisans, and  
20 strengthen America's security, and work with the clean energy  
21 sector to develop clean energy job training and placement  
22 programs for returning veterans; and be it further

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