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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6 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

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

15 WHEREAS, Oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana,
16 North Dakota, and South Dakota are an increasingly important
17 crude oil resource; it contains an estimated 11 billion barrels
18 of recoverable crude oil and there is not enough pipeline
19 capacity for crude oil supplies from Montana, North Dakota,
20 South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas to reach American refineries;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated 173
2 billion barrels of recoverable oil, and Canada is the single
3 largest supplier of oil to the United States at 2.62 million
4 barrels per day; Canada has the capacity to significantly
5 increase that rate; and

6 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline will, when completed,
7 carry 700,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American
8 refineries in the Gulf Coast region; and

9 WHEREAS, Construction of the project will create 120,000
10 jobs nationwide, including 20,000 in construction and
11 manufacturing, create \$20 billion in economic growth, and
12 generate millions of dollars' worth of government receipts; and

13 WHEREAS, A recent study by the U.S. Department of Energy
14 found that increasing delivery of crude oil from Montana, North
15 Dakota, South Dakota, and Alberta, as well as Texas and
16 Oklahoma to American refineries has the potential to
17 substantially reduce our country's dependence on sources
18 outside of North America; and

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

1 gasoline and other refined products from Canadian oil derived
2 from oil sands; the expansion and upgrade projects will create
3 many new construction jobs over the next 5 years and
4 substantially add to the gross product of Illinois; and

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

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 commend the members of Congress of the United States who have
15 called for the expansion and completion of the Keystone XL
16 pipeline system; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we call upon the President of the United
18 States and his administration to speed up the process of
19 granting final permits to enable construction to begin on the
20 completion of the Keystone XL pipeline network for reasons of
21 consumer protection and national security; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That we request that the United States Department

1 of Defense make a public statement as to the desirability of
2 maximizing the production of fossil fuels within the boundaries
3 of North America as part of our overall worldwide strategic
4 position in relations to nations that do not wish well to the
5 United States; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
7 to members of the Illinois congressional delegation, the
8 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of
9 Defense, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the
10 United States Secretary of Energy, and the Administrator of the
11 United States Environmental Protection Agency.