A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to support legislation
2 advancing the development of an Appalachian storage hub for
3 natural gas.

4 WHEREAS, The Appalachian region, which includes Kentucky,
5 Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, contains world class
6 supplies of natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) that
7 contribute to the country's energy dominance; and

8 WHEREAS, Harnessing supplies of natural gas by constructing
9 an Appalachian storage hub constitutes a major infrastructure
10 investment, including storage caverns and pipelines, and a job
11 program for residents of the Appalachian region; and

12 WHEREAS, Natural gas liquids are the major feedstock of the
13 chemical industry and the Appalachian region contains enough
14 feedstock to attract $35 billion in new chemical and plastics
15 industry investment; and

16 WHEREAS, Chemical and plastic industry investment of this
17 scale could create 100,000 new jobs, $28 billion in new economic
18 output, more than $6 billion in annual payroll and nearly $3
billion annually in new Federal, State and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, A petrochemical feedstock storage hub located in the heart of the Appalachian region could support major energy, infrastructure and manufacturing job creation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Supporting the Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Infrastructure Revitalization Act proposed in S. 1340 would improve the infrastructure permitting process by directing the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce to approve the project as an Appalachian ethane storage hub, identify the lead Federal and State agency liaisons and coordinate with them on designating the project; and

WHEREAS, S. 1340 directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to consider relevant licenses and permits for the requisite pipeline infrastructure and requires the other Federal agencies to complete consideration of their respective permits within 60 days of the completion of the FERC licensing or have their jurisdictional permits deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, Supporting the Capitalizing on American Storage Potential Act proposed in H.R. 3143 and S. 1337 would make a regional NGL storage hub eligible for the Department of Energy's successful Title XVII loan guarantee program; and

WHEREAS, Supporting the Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act proposed in S. 1075 and H.R. 2568 would help assess the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a subterranean ethane storage and distribution hub in central Appalachia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to support legislation advancing the development of an...
RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Energy and each member of the Pennsylvania delegation to Congress.