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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to support continued
2 and increased importation of Canadian oil.

3 WHEREAS, Energy affects all aspects of American life and is
4 indispensable for quality of life, economic growth and the
5 sustainability of modern society; and

6 WHEREAS, Access to energy and the supply of energy will only
7 become more important in the future as energy demand continues
8 to increase; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States is still many years away from
10 ending its dependence on nonrenewable resources, despite the
11 recent focus on renewable energy; and

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

15 WHEREAS, The United States currently depends on foreign
16 imports for more than half of our petroleum usage; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States is the largest consumer of

1 petroleum in the world, and our dependence on foreign oil has
2 created difficult geopolitical relationships with damaging
3 consequences for our national security; and

4 WHEREAS, A recent study by the United States Department of
5 Energy found that increasing importation of oil from Canada has
6 the potential to substantially reduce our country's dependency
7 on sources outside of North America; and

8 WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second only
9 to Saudi Arabia's, using current measurements and technology;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Canada is a friendly neighbor with whom the United
12 States has an excellent political rapport and a trading
13 relationship that is the largest in the world. Just as Canada
14 sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the United States,
15 United States companies are among the largest suppliers of goods
16 and services to the Canadian oil sector. Increasing Canadian oil
17 imports provides greater fuel supply reliability and reduces the
18 risk of supply disruptions to consumers; and

19 WHEREAS, Supporting the continued shift toward reliable and
20 secure sources of Canadian oil is of vital interest to the
21 United States and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 urge the Congress of the United States to support continued and
25 increased importation of Canadian oil; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge Congress to ask the United
27 States Secretary of State to approve the TransCanada Keystone
28 Pipeline Project that has been awaiting a Presidential Permit
29 since 2008 to reduce dependence on foreign oil; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to
2 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the
3 United States and to the each member of Congress from
4 Pennsylvania.