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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting continued and increased development and delivery of
2 oil derived from North American oil reserves to American
3 refineries and urging the President and Congress of the
4 United States to support the continued and increased
5 production and use of American natural gas.

6 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are important components of the
7 United States' energy portfolio; and

8 WHEREAS, A secure supply of crude oil is needed for this
9 nation's economy to thrive without potential threats and supply
10 disruptions from unstable world markets; and

11 WHEREAS, Volatile crude oil markets have added increasing
12 costs to the American economy, hampering the ability of our
13 businesses to compete through difficult economic times and
14 forcing Americans to pay more and more at the pump; and

15 WHEREAS, Increased oil production in Canada's oil sands and
16 the Bakken Formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota and
17 South Dakota can replace crude imports from countries that do
18 not share American values; and

19 WHEREAS, Canada is a trusted and democratic neighbor with

1 rigorous environmental standards; and

2 WHEREAS, Our Gulf Coast refining industry processes
3 approximately 8.7 million barrels per day, or half of the
4 refining capacity in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2011, these refineries of the Gulf Coast imported
6 approximately 5 million barrels per day of crude oil from more
7 than 30 countries; and

8 WHEREAS, Once completed, the proposed TransCanada Keystone XL
9 and Gulf Coast Expansion projects could displace roughly 40% of
10 the oil our nation currently imports from the Persian Gulf and
11 Venezuela; and

12 WHEREAS, Pipelines are the safest method by which to
13 transport petroleum products when compared to other methods of
14 transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline will replace the equivalent
16 of 200 ocean tankers per year and thereby reduce greenhouse gas
17 emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or the equivalent of
18 taking almost 4 million cars off the road; and

19 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline project has been subject to
20 the most thorough public review process of any proposed pipeline
21 in the United States and has also been the focus of multiple
22 environmental impact statements and several United States
23 Department of State studies; and

24 WHEREAS, These analyses have concluded that the Keystone XL
25 pipeline project poses the least impact to the environment and
26 is much safer than other modes of transporting crude oil; and

27 WHEREAS, New natural gas production in shale formations
28 across the nation offer the United States additional
29 opportunities for energy independence; and

30 WHEREAS, The President of the United States has recognized

1 the importance of clean, domestic natural gas to our economy and
2 energy independence and has pledged to eliminate inefficiencies
3 in permitting natural gas operations; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support continued and increased
6 development and delivery of oil derived from North American oil
7 reserves to American refineries; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the President and Congress of the United
9 States be urged to support the continued and increased
10 production and use of American oil derived from the Bakken
11 Formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota and South
12 Dakota, as well as Canadian oil sands; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the United States Secretary of State be urged
14 to approve the newly routed pipeline application from
15 TransCanada to increase our energy independence, create new
16 jobs, build our economy, reduce fuel costs, improve our national
17 security and strengthen ties with our northern neighbor and
18 ally; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the President and Congress of the United
20 States be urged to support the continued and increased
21 production and use of American natural gas; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
24 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.