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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, JAMES, GREINER, DeLUCA, COX, MARSHALL, SAYLOR, FARRY, STRUZZI AND JONES, AUGUST 11, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AUGUST 11, 2022

A RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the United States to restart and expedite the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline.

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden signed an executive order to cancel the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transport approximately 830,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to refineries in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the Keystone XL pipeline would have employed thousands of Americans with family-sustaining union jobs and generated more than $2 billion in earnings; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline's construction would contribute $3.4 billion to the United States Gross Domestic Product; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transverse Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota, having a positive effect on the local economy in these states; and

WHEREAS, Relying on a secure, stable supply of North American oil is vital to North American energy security; and

WHEREAS, Oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline will travel to refineries located at the United States Gulf Coast, where it will create products to fuel the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, When compared to transporting oil by pipeline, other modes of transporting oil increase greenhouse gas emissions by 28% to 42%; and

WHEREAS, Pipelines are safer for transporting oil over long distances than transporting it on road, sea or rail; and

WHEREAS, President Biden waived sanctions on the Russian firm responsible for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline between Russia and Germany; and

WHEREAS, Between January 2021 and November 2021, Russia provided more oil to the United States than any other country except Canada; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, Russia exported nearly 65% of the 10.5 million barrels of crude oil drilled per day; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, Russia accounted for 21% of all United States gasoline imports, more than any other nation; and

WHEREAS, Russia provides Europe with more than 40% of its natural gas supply; and

WHEREAS, Eight percent of Europe's gas supply is piped through Ukraine, which is now at risk of complete shutdown due to the war between Russia and Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Germany fully pledged support for new liquefied natural gas terminals; and

WHEREAS, Italy is considering reopening coal mines to reduce its dependence on Russian energy; and

WHEREAS, Natural gas exports play an important geopolitical role; and

WHEREAS, On numerous occasions, Russia demonstrated its power as a dominant natural gas supplier by weaponizing its supply and threatening the energy security of the world; and

WHEREAS, True divestment from the Russian Federation cannot occur until the United States divests itself from Russian resources; and

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is fortunate to have one of the most abundant and diverse mineral resource fields in the world, including the Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the second-largest natural-gas-producing State in the nation, with a record 7.1 trillion cubic feet produced in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the third-largest coal-producing State and the second-largest coal-exporting State in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the third-largest producer of electricity in the nation, with nearly 78 million megawatt hours of electricity sent to neighboring states in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Petroleum refineries with a capacity to process 266,000 barrels of crude oil per day are located in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Exports from the United States help reduce dependence on Russian energy and weaken Russia's ability to use energy as a weapon; and

WHEREAS, Exports from the United States make the natural gas market more global and competitive; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and the nation have an abundant supply of natural gas and other forms of energy, which enable the

entire world to reduce reliance on Russia; and

WHEREAS, Utilization of our natural gas supply improves the domestic economy while providing thousands of Americans with family-sustaining union jobs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States to restart and expedite the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline, reducing the United States' and the rest of the world's reliance on Russian energy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania promote an energy platform that shifts the United States toward energy independence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all of the following:

(1) The President of the United States.

(2) The Secretary of Energy.

(3) The President pro tempore of the United States Senate.

(4) The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

(5) The chairperson of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate.

(6) The chairperson of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the United States House of Representatives.

(7) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.