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VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the members of the Congress of the United States to
2 promote the drilling of oil and natural gas in the United
3 States to help meet energy demands.

4 WHEREAS, This nation needs a balanced energy policy that
5 promotes energy efficiency, conservation and greater supplies of
6 all forms of energy, including domestic oil and natural gas,
7 especially with energy demands increasing every year in the
8 United States and abroad; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Energy Information Administration,
10 natural gas and oil currently supply more than 60% of this
11 nation's energy needs, with this level remaining fairly
12 consistent over the next 20 years despite the increasing use of
13 renewable energy sources such as solar and wind; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2008, the United States spent \$453 billion alone
15 on imported crude oil and other related products and dealt with
16 rapidly changing energy market prices; and

1 WHEREAS, Tapping into oil and natural gas fields in the
2 United States would greatly benefit the nation through improving
3 national security and the economy, reducing the dependency on
4 foreign sources of oil, creating new high-paying American jobs,
5 increasing revenues and improving this nation's balance of
6 trade; and

7 WHEREAS, By permitting oil and natural gas development in
8 areas of Alaska, in offshore sources and other onshore areas
9 within the United States, these goals can be met; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the American Petroleum Institute, in
11 2030, the United States could potentially produce 1.125 million
12 barrels of oil and 2.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day
13 in nonpark areas of Alaska and Rocky Mountain states; and

14 WHEREAS, A United States Geological Survey assessment shows
15 the Bakken Formation in North Dakota and Montana has an
16 estimated 3 to 4.3 billion barrels of recoverable oil; and

17 WHEREAS, The Department of Energy reports that natural gas
18 formations throughout this nation have a combined recoverable
19 supply estimated at 2,074 trillion cubic feet, which at current
20 yearly United States usage of 25 trillion cubic feet, would
21 supply the nation with at least 83 years worth of natural gas;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania, and
24 the Haynesville Shale formation in northwestern Louisiana, both
25 largely undeveloped, are estimated to contain more than 250
26 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas; and

27 WHEREAS, Recent advances in technology and drilling
28 techniques allow for the efficient and economical recovery of
29 oil and natural gas in areas once thought unrecoverable and
30 permit this extraction to be accomplished in a more

1 environmentally conscious manner; and

2 WHEREAS, Given the fact that there is various energy related
3 legislation currently before the Congress, it is important not
4 to forget the significant role that oil and natural gas will
5 continue to play in this nation's energy mix; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
8 States to develop methods to encourage the further exploration
9 and production of oil and natural gas in nontraditional areas
10 throughout the United States to help meet the continuing need
11 for oil and natural gas as part of our national energy strategy;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the
14 President of the United States and all members of the
15 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.