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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and Congress of the United States to enact  
2 legislation that advances the development of an Appalachian  
3 storage hub for petrochemical feedstock.

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Chemical and plastic industry investments 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

1 billion annually in new Federal, State and local tax revenue;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, A petrochemical feedstock storage hub located in the  
4 heart of Appalachia could support major energy, infrastructure  
5 and manufacturing job creation opportunities; and

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
29 urge the President and Congress of the United States to enact  
30 legislation that advances the development of an Appalachian

1 storage hub for petrochemical feedstock; and be it further  
2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate of Pennsylvania  
3 distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the  
4 United States, the United States Secretary of Energy and the  
5 Pennsylvania delegation of the United States Congress.