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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7       WHEREAS, When compared to transporting oil by pipeline, other  
8 modes of transporting oil increase greenhouse gas emissions by  
9 28% to 42%; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the third-largest coal-producing  
16 state and the second-largest coal-exporting state in the nation;  
17 and

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

21       WHEREAS, Petroleum refineries with a capacity to process  
22 266,000 barrels of crude oil per day are located in  
23 Pennsylvania; and

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

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

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

1 entire world to reduce reliance on Russia; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 promote an energy platform that shifts the United States toward  
12 energy independence; and be it further

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

15 (1) The President of the United States.

16 (2) The Secretary of Energy.

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

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

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

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

25 (7) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.