

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 to adopt an energy approach that increases U.S. energy security,  
3 achieves North American energy independence, ensures the  
4 availability of needed pipelines and infrastructure, and  
5 stimulates the U.S. economy by creating American jobs.

6           *Whereas, New technology and newly accessible reserves*  
7 *have positioned the United States to become a global leader in*  
8 *oil and natural gas production. The new energy development*  
9 *has become a catalyst for economic growth, bringing*  
10 *affordable energy, jobs, revenues and an accompanying*  
11 *resurgence of manufacturing. The U.S. crude oil and natural*  
12 *gas industry contributes more than \$1 trillion annually to the*  
13 *U.S. economy, or more than 7 percent of the U.S. gross*  
14 *domestic product, and it supports more than 9 million jobs;*

15           *Whereas, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second*  
16 *only to Saudi Arabia. Canada is currently the largest supplier*  
17 *of the United States' imported oil. Canada sends more than 99*  
18 *percent of its oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which*  
19 *goes to Midwestern refineries. The same money used to buy*  
20 *Canadian oil will likely be spent directly on U.S. goods and*  
21 *services, in contrast to the money sent to hostile governments*



1 *later used to further anti-democratic agendas;*

2 *Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes*  
3 *sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor with*  
4 *a stable democratic government, strong environmental*  
5 *standards equal to that of the U.S., and some of the most*  
6 *stringent human rights and worker protection laws in the*  
7 *world;*

8 *Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil from*  
9 *Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan,*  
10 *Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota can replace crude*  
11 *imported from countries that do not share American values;*

12 *Whereas, The new North American opportunities are*  
13 *providing the U.S. government with a historic opportunity to*  
14 *dramatically enhance national energy security and affordability*  
15 *when America needs it most;*

16 *Whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not only*  
17 *needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook*  
18 *their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the U.S.*  
19 *economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and*  
20 *disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of the*  
21 *world. The United States will need more oil and gas, while also*  
22 *requiring additional alternative energy sources to fuel our*  
23 *economy;*

24 *Whereas, Worldwide competition for oil and natural gas*  
25 *will increase as third world countries' economies and*  
26 *population continue to grow at astonishing rates;*

27 *Whereas, Oil companies are investing huge sums to expand*  
28 *and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make*  
29 *gasoline and other refined products from Canadian oil;*

30 *Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the*  
31 *transportation of petroleum products when compared to other*



1 *methods of transportation. Keystone XL pipeline project will*  
 2 *replace the equivalent of a tanker train 25 miles long, or 200*  
 3 *ocean tankers per year. This will reduce greenhouse gas*  
 4 *emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or the equivalent of*  
 5 *taking almost 4 million cars off the road;*

6 *Whereas, The Gulf Coast Pipeline Project is a \$2.3 billion*  
 7 *project that will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs.*  
 8 *Keystone XL project will create approximately 9,000*  
 9 *construction jobs. Combined, they support yet another 7,000*  
 10 *manufacturing jobs. Seventy-five percent of the pipe used to*  
 11 *build Keystone XL in the U.S. will come from North American*  
 12 *mills, including half made by U.S. workers. Goods for the*  
 13 *pipeline valued at approximately \$800 million have already*  
 14 *been sourced from U.S. manufacturers;*

15 *Whereas, Eighty-seven percent of technically recoverable*  
 16 *oil and natural gas resources on federal offshore acreage is off*  
 17 *limits to development due to government policy; and*

18 *Whereas, The United States could be 100 percent energy*  
 19 *independent for liquid fuels by 2025 if the federal government*  
 20 *opened access to areas currently off limits and partnered with*  
 21 *Canada to maximize its oil sands: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 23 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the President and  
 25 Congress to support the continued and increased importation of oil  
 26 derived from Canadian oil sands.

27 SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate urges the President and  
 28 Congress to grasp the opportunity to make North America energy  
 29 independent by ensuring America's tax, regulatory and access policies  
 30 support developing our natural resources safely and responsibly.

31 SECTION 3. That the Indiana Senate urges the U.S. Secretary of  
 32 State to approve the newly-routed pipeline application from



- 1 TransCanada to reduce dependence on unstable governments, improve
- 2 our national security, and strengthen ties with an important ally.

