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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the United States Department of State to 1  
approve the presidential permit application 2  
allowing the construction and operation of the 3  
TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline between the 4  
United States and Canada. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States accounts for 20% of world energy 6  
consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer, 7  
consuming 15 million barrels of oil each day, and these amounts 8  
are not forecasted to change for decades; and 9

WHEREAS, Current oil imports amount to over 8 million barrels 10  
each day, approximately 50% of the United States' requirements; 11

and 12

WHEREAS, The United States will remain dependent on imported 13  
energy for decades regardless of new technology, oil discoveries, 14  
alternative fuels, and conservation efforts; and 15

WHEREAS, A secure supply of crude oil is needed by Americans 16  
for heating their homes, cooking their food, and fueling their 17  
vehicles, and to allow the United States economy to thrive and be 18  
freed from the potential threats and disruptions of the crude oil 19  
supply from less secure parts of the world; and 20

WHEREAS, The growing production of conflict-free oil from the 21  
Canadian oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan, 22  
Montana, and North Dakota can replace crude oil imported from 23  
countries that do not share American values and therefore 24  
additional pipeline capacity to refineries in the United States 25  
Midwest and Gulf Coast regions is required; and 26

WHEREAS, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense 27  
for the United States because Canada is a trusted neighbor with a 28  
stable democratic government, strong environmental standards equal 29  
to that of the United States, and some of the most stringent human 30  
rights and worker protection laws in the world; and 31

WHEREAS, Improvements in production technology continue to 32  
reduce the carbon footprint of Canadian oil sands development; and 33

WHEREAS, Oil sands production accounts for 6.5% of Canada's 34  
greenhouse gas emissions and 0.1% of global greenhouse gas 35  
emissions, and total emissions from Canada's oil sands sector was 36  
45 megatons in 2009 which is equivalent to 3.5% of emissions from 37  
United States coal fired power generation in the same year, 38  
despite oil sands crude having similar carbon dioxide emissions to 39  
other heavy oils and being 6% more carbon-intensive than the 40  
United States crude supply average on a wells-to-wheels basis; and 41

WHEREAS, The 58 refineries in the Gulf Coast region provide a 42

total refining capacity of approximately 8.4 million barrels per day, or nearly half of the United States' refining capacity; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Gulf Coast region refineries imported approximately 5 million barrels per day of crude oil from more than 40 countries with 21% coming from Mexico, 17% from Venezuela, 12% from Saudi Arabia, and 11% from Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Crude oil imports from Mexico and Venezuela are declining as production from those countries decreases and supply contracts expire; and

WHEREAS, Once completed, the TransCanada's Keystone XL and Gulf Coast Pipeline Projects could displace roughly 40% of the oil the United States currently imports from the Middle East and Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL Pipeline Project has been subject to the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed United States pipeline and the subject of multiple environmental impact statements and several United States Department of State studies that have concluded that the Pipeline poses the least impact to the environment as compared to, and is much safer than, other modes of transporting crude oil; and

WHEREAS, Pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation - for example, transporting by pipeline is 100 times safer than transporting by truck and 40 times safer than transporting by rail; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL Pipeline will replace the hauling capacity of a tanker train that is 25 miles long or 200 ocean tankers per year thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons, which is the equivalent of taking almost 4 million cars off the road; and

WHEREAS, The Keystone XL Pipeline Project will support over

10,000 jobs in United States construction and manufacturing 74  
industries such as pipefitting, welding, electrical, heavy 75  
equipment operating, and other sectors in virtually every state in 76  
the United States; and 77

WHEREAS, 75% of the pipe used to build the Keystone XL 78  
Pipeline in the United States will come from North American mills, 79  
including half made by workers in the United States, and goods for 80  
the pipeline valued at approximately \$800 million have already 81  
been sourced from manufacturers in the United States; now 82  
therefore be it 83

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 84  
Representatives of the 130th General Assembly, respectfully urge 85  
the United States Department of State to approve the presidential 86  
permit application allowing the construction and operation of the 87  
TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline between the United States and 88  
Canada in order to strengthen the United States' energy security, 89  
provide for critical pipeline infrastructure to achieve North 90  
American energy independence, and to stimulate the economy and 91  
create jobs; and be it further 92

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 93  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 94  
Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the 95  
United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 96  
Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 97  
United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional 98  
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 99