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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are vital components of our
3 nation's economy and provide more than 11 million jobs
4 nationwide, including 356,000 total jobs and \$53.5 billion in
5 gross domestic income in Illinois alone; and

6 WHEREAS, U.S. energy abundance has provided security that
7 has historically led to reliable, affordable energy for
8 American consumers and our allies; and

9 WHEREAS, The world is looking to America for energy
10 leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose
11 potential economic disruptions in addition to the inflation
12 already affecting households, both in the U.S. and across
13 Europe; and

14 WHEREAS, Russia is the third leading oil producer in the
15 world but is risking economic and global security along with
16 the loss of lives by invading the democratic nation of
17 Ukraine; and

18 WHEREAS, Russian exports of oil and gas provide 36 percent
19 of Russia's national budget that is used to finance the war in
20 Ukraine; and

1 WHEREAS, The European Union (EU) is Russia's primary
2 market for oil and natural gas, with the EU obtaining 35
3 percent of its natural gas and 25 percent of its oil from
4 Russia; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States can increase its production of
6 oil and gas to help provide economic and global security in
7 light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and

8 WHEREAS, Operation and expansion of our oil and natural
9 gas pipelines, key components of America's energy success that
10 provide the most efficient means of transporting those
11 commodities, are being blocked by the federal government and
12 many state governments; and

13 WHEREAS, The Biden Administration continues to increase
14 costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing
15 on federal lands and waters, despite the fact that the program
16 provides billions in revenues to federal, state, and local
17 governments and supports conservation programs throughout the
18 country; and

19 WHEREAS, U.S. offshore production is one of the lowest
20 carbon intensive energy-producing regions in the world, and
21 halting offshore leasing and development will shift production
22 and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of

1 environmental progress; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we strongly urge the President of the United States to take
5 measures and support policies that ensure long-term American
6 energy leadership, security, and progress, including those
7 that result in the continued operation of existing oil and
8 natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas
9 pipelines, the resumption of consistent, credible federal
10 lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year
11 program to guide future offshore leasing; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House send duly
13 authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of
14 the United States, the United States Secretary of the
15 Interior, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the
16 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Illinois
17 Congressional delegation.