

A RESOLUTION

To strongly urge the President of the United States and United States Congress to take specified actions to encourage the production of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in Ohio alone; and

WHEREAS, Russian petroleum imports into the United States are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and

WHEREAS, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil to American families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The United States has large reserves of oil, natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this abundance has provided security that has historically led to reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

WHEREAS, The world is looking to the United States for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit production of these vital resources; and

WHEREAS, The United States has the ability and capacity to once again be a net exporter of energy resources, supplying our allies in Europe with energy; and

WHEREAS, The United States has established barriers and disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and

WHEREAS, Operation and expansion of a key component of the United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shift production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of

Ohio, strongly urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to do the following:

(1) Implement policies and enact legislation to ensure that the United States again becomes energy independent;

(2) Suspend and eliminate federal policies and the tax increases from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on domestic oil and gas production that cripple the production of these vital resources;

(4) Undertake measures and policies that ensure long-term American energy leadership, security, and progress, including those that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, the resumption of consistent and credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore leasing;

(5) Enact measures that cease the import of Russian oil into the United States;

(6) Implement policies and enact legislation to promote clean, modern power plants utilizing coal as an energy resource; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____