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A R E S O L U T I O N

To recognize that natural gas and its production 1
industry are vital to Ohio's economic future and 2
to urge continued investment in natural gas 3
infrastructure to make affordable energy 4
available to every Ohioan. 5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Natural gas is a leading contributor to clean, 6
affordable, and reliable energy security, and it is vital for 7
Ohio families and businesses in maintaining lower energy bills 8
and for Ohio to become the low-cost energy capital of the United 9
States; and 10

WHEREAS, Ohio's natural gas industry has transformed from a 11
low production industry to one of the top seven in terms of 12
production when compared to other states; and 13

WHEREAS, Ohio is a leader in clean energy technology, and 14
the natural gas industry leads Ohio in clean electricity 15
production when compared to other energy sources such as 16
nuclear, wind, and solar. In addition, in 2019, natural gas 17
generated more of Ohio's in-state electricity than coal for the 18
first time in history; and 19

WHEREAS, Natural gas saves the average Ohio family \$2,500 20

annually in total energy costs, including over \$1,000 for home heating and appliances. The 36% of Ohioans utilizing other energy sources do not realize these savings; and

WHEREAS, The natural gas industry supports 375,000 jobs, which constitutes 5.3% of Ohio's total employment. In addition, the natural gas industry contributed \$58.8 billion to Ohio's gross domestic product in 2019; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, recognize that natural gas and the natural gas industry are vital components of the state's economic future and urge continued investment in natural gas infrastructure to make affordable energy available to every Ohioan; 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 Clerk of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio congressional delegation, Governor Mike DeWine, and the news media of Ohio.