

A RESOLUTION

To recognize that natural gas and its production industry are not only vital to Ohio's economic future but to maintain the position of the United States as the world's leading energy producer and to urge continued investment in natural gas infrastructure to make affordable energy available to every Ohioan and protect Ohio's energy security and the energy security of the United States and our global allies.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Restricting natural gas infrastructure development will impede continued access to low-cost natural gas supply; and

WHEREAS, Increased United States natural gas exports create massive economic benefits for United States communities while providing global access to the reliable United States natural gas supply needed to advance the global energy transition from higher greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting fuels to lower GHG emitting natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Residential natural gas prices in the United States remain among the lowest in the world despite natural gas exports and domestic consumption reaching all-time highs in recent years; 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 not only vital components of the state's economic future, but also critical to maintaining the position of the United States as the world's leading energy producer, and urge continued investment in natural gas infrastructure to make affordable energy available to every Ohioan and protect Ohio's energy security

and the energy security of the United States and our global allies; 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.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____