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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the developing conflict between the Russian Federation and the sovereign nation of Ukraine that began on February 24, 2022, has led future oil prices to soar to one hundred dollars (\$100) per barrel; and

WHEREAS, the full impact of the ongoing conflict between the Russian Federation and the sovereign nation of Ukraine on the price of oil is uncertain, as geopolitical unrest and supply issues have already increased crude oil to the highest price it has been since 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States imported an average of two hundred nine thousand (209,000) barrels per day of crude oil and five hundred thousand (500,000) of other petroleum products from the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, the United States cannot continue to rely so heavily on oil from the Russian Federation and other foreign countries while ignoring our own country's oil resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States needs to take action now in order to move in the direction of energy independence; and



WHEREAS, Americans have been increasingly financially strained due to inflation and rising costs at the gas pumps; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL Pipeline project was terminated in 2021, thereby removing the availability of much-needed barrels of crude oil for the United States; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the Keystone XL Pipeline would have generated eight hundred thirty thousand (830,000) barrels of crude oil to the United States per day; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the availability of crude oil to the United States from the Keystone XL Pipeline would ease the burden felt by Arkansans and Americans across the country and would better protect our national energy security in the future,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate encourage the United States Government to take all appropriate measures to immediately resume the Keystone XL Pipeline project in order to increase energy independence for the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate provide copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate Majority Leader, and all members of the Arkansas congressional delegation.