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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO STRONGLY URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS AND SUPPORT POLICIES AND TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE UNITED STATES' LONG-TERM ENERGY AFFORDABILITY, SECURITY, LEADERSHIP, AND PROGRESS, INCLUDING ACTIONS THAT RESULT IN THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF EXISTING OIL AND NATURAL GAS PIPELINES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PIPELINES, AND AN END TO RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPING OUR NATION'S ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS RESOURCES.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, oil and natural gas are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million (11,000,000) jobs nationwide, including ninety-three thousand (93,000) total jobs and ten billion dollars (\$10,000,000,000) in gross domestic income in Arkansas in 2019 alone; and

WHEREAS, United States energy abundance has provided security that has historically led to reliable, 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, both in the United States and across Europe; 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 oil and natural gas, are being blocked by the United States Government and many state governments; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden's 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 program provides billions of dollars in revenues to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, United States offshore oil and natural gas production is one of the lowest carbon intensive energy-producing regions in the world, and halting offshore oil and natural gas leasing and development will shift production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate strongly urge the President of the United States to take measures and support policies that ensure the United States' long-term 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 natural gas pipelines, the resumption of consistent, credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore leasing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate send authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary of

Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Arkansas Congressional delegation, and the news media of Arkansas.