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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic sources of energy development in an effort to achieve full energy security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. HERRELL, and Mr. ARMSTRONG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic sources of energy development in an effort to achieve full energy security.

Whereas, in 2018, 29 percent of all United States petroleum imports came from countries that belong to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Whereas due to OPEC's outsized share of the global petroleum market, any instability in one of its member countries can directly impact global energy markets;

Whereas thanks to the United States energy renaissance, more oil and natural gas are being produced domestically than by any other nation in the world;

Whereas the United States energy industry is a leader in creating and supporting new, high-quality jobs;

Whereas technological advances in the domestic energy industry have resulted in large reductions in the dispersal of harmful pollutants into the environment;

Whereas nuclear power has supplied approximately one-fifth of annual United States electricity since 1990 and provides approximately 60 percent of the carbon-free electricity of the United States;

Whereas renewable sources of energy account for 11 percent of domestic energy consumption;

Whereas the United States has abundant coal reserves, including a demonstrated reserve base estimated to contain 475 billion short tons;

Whereas it is in the national security interests of the United States to control its own energy supply;

Whereas the Biden administration has taken Executive actions to limit the productivity of American energy producers in the oil and natural gas sectors, putting at risk the United States goal of securing its energy future;

Whereas these Executive actions will increase the demand for foreign sources of energy, which tend to be dirtier and subject to fewer safety and environmental regulations; and

Whereas these Executive actions would result in American job losses and threaten the \$11.7 billion tax revenue stream that funds critical health care and educational

programs at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States should support, and
3 not limit access to, all domestic sources of energy develop-
4 ment in an effort to achieve full energy security, including
5 by—

6 (1) encouraging technological innovations to ex-
7 ploit our vast supply of natural gas;

8 (2) increasing our domestic oil production, in-
9 frastructure, and refining capacity;

10 (3) exploring and investing in the current nu-
11 clear fleet and advanced reactor technologies;

12 (4) rolling back Executive orders that limit the
13 exploration and development of domestic natural re-
14 sources on Federal lands;

15 (5) taking advantage of our domestic coal sup-
16 ply through processes such as carbon capture, utili-
17 zation, and storage;

18 (6) using expanded renewable and alternative
19 energy sources;

20 (7) supporting additional research and develop-
21 ment through new and innovative methods, including
22 public-private partnerships;

23 (8) promoting increased conservation and en-
24 ergy efficiency; and

- 1 (9) enhancing consumer awareness and edu-
- 2 cation regarding domestic energy use, supply, and
- 3 development.

