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Condemning the Biden administration's plans for seeking to remove sanctions on the oppressive Maduro regime and negotiating with Iran in response to the crisis in Ukraine, and instead calling for Congress and the administration to support the production of American energy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2022

Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. DUNN, Mr. HILL, Mr. PENCE, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MELJER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. HERN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BUCK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. BACON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, 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

Condemning the Biden administration's plans for seeking to remove sanctions on the oppressive Maduro regime and negotiating with Iran in response to the crisis in Ukraine, and instead calling for Congress and the administration to support the production of American energy.

Whereas the United States was a net energy exporter before President Biden took office;

Whereas America's energy independence ended within 1 year of the Biden Presidency;

Whereas President Biden's hostile policies toward American energy production discouraged investment in domestic energy infrastructure and production;

Whereas President Biden issued Executive orders to revoke permitting for the Keystone XL Pipeline and issued a moratorium on energy production on Federal lands on day 1 of his Presidency;

Whereas President Biden supported the Russian oil industry by refusing to sanction the Nord Stream 2 pipeline;

Whereas a lack of domestically produced energy forces the United States to rely on imported oil;

Whereas because of the suspension of Russian oil imports after Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, officials in the Biden administration have met with Venezuelan and Iranian officials to negotiate oil imports to replace banned Russian oil imports;

Whereas President Biden's Department of State acknowledges that the Governments of Venezuela and Iran frequently violate the human rights of their citizens with arbitrary arrests, use of torture, extrajudicial killings,

State-sanctioned murder of protestors, and the holding of prisoners of conscience;

Whereas, on January 28, 2019, the Trump administration imposed sanctions that prohibit the importation of Venezuelan oil in response to the Maduro regime's subversion of democratically elected President of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó;

Whereas, instead of importing oil from another autocratic regime and enriching human rights abusers, the oil that United States consumers need could be produced domestically;

Whereas increasing oil and natural gas production in the United States will significantly reduce energy costs for American households and reduce the inflationary burden faced by American families; and

Whereas unleashing the full force of the patriotic and hard-working United States energy producers to supply the needs of Europe and reduce their reliance on Russian energy will significantly reduce the ability of Russian war criminal Vladimir Putin to fund his genocidal attack against the free people of the democratic Nation of Ukraine: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives calls on the
3 Biden administration and its officials to maintain
4 the sanctions on the repressive regimes in Venezuela
5 and Iran; and

6 (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
7 tives that—

1 (A) American energy independence should
2 be achieved again for the sake of United States
3 national security and the security of United
4 States allies;

5 (B) President Biden should immediately
6 rescind his Executive orders that prohibit the
7 approval of new leases on Federal lands and
8 waters; and

9 (C) President Biden should immediately
10 take action to reestablish American energy
11 independence, including by—

12 (i) authorizing the completion of the
13 Keystone XL Pipeline;

14 (ii) streamlining the approval of new
15 leases on Federal lands and waters;

16 (iii) addressing regulatory burdens on
17 domestic energy production; and

18 (iv) increasing United States energy
19 exports, particularly to European allies of
20 the United States.

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