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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Koch*

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A RESOLUTION opposing the limiting of domestic oil and gas production.

*Whereas, The future growth of the United States economy requires a wide variety of energy sources, including domestic oil and gas production, alternative and renewable energy, and increased conservation;*

*Whereas, As a matter of national policy, the United States needs to reduce its long-term dependence on foreign energy sources for both economic security and national security reasons;*

*Whereas, Two-thirds of Americans support domestic oil*

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*and gas production to reduce our reliance on imports and to increase our energy security;*

*Whereas, Developing and expanding domestic energy supplies are good for the United States economy in the short term and long term because balanced development of America's energy resources will generate more than 160,000 much-needed American jobs, could generate more than \$1.7 trillion in government revenue for local, state, and federal government and billions of dollars in new investment, and will reduce oil imports, stemming the flow of United States dollars for energy purchases to foreign governments;*

*Whereas, Alternative energy sources, such as wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal, offer promise for the future and deserve support, but because they are not yet able to meet our domestic energy needs, we must increase our domestic supply of oil;*

*Whereas, The United States possesses an estimated 116.4 billion barrels of oil and 650.9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas across all federal lands, enough to fuel 65 million cars for 60 years and 60 million households for 160 years, and those energy sources can be affordably developed;*

*Whereas, New drilling techniques and environmentally sound technologies have made finding and tapping oil and gas in the continental United States and on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) potential new sources of domestic supply;*

*Whereas, If the federal government would approve the leases today, producing oil and gas will still take five to ten years from the time land is leased;*

*Whereas, The balanced exploration and development of all domestic energy sources are in the economic security and national security interest of the citizens of the United States; and*

*Whereas, The people of Indiana support the balanced development of domestic energy sources and recognize the economic benefits of a national energy policy that promotes a balanced energy approach that includes increasing domestic oil*



*and gas supplies: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives opposes  
2 any federal government policy, rule, taxation, or legislation that  
3 restricts domestic energy exploration and development in the Arctic  
4 National Wildlife Reserve, off Alaska's shores in the continental United  
5 States, or in the Outer Continental Shelf and urges the President, the  
6 Secretary of the Interior, and Congress to allow the continued balanced  
7 development of United States domestic oil and gas sources and to allow  
8 the Minerals Management Service to move forward with its draft plan  
9 to lease parts of OCS lands that will be made available over the next  
10 five years.

11           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
12 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
13 United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate,  
14 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the  
15 Indiana congressional delegation.

