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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RESUME  
THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE PROJECT.

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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

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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

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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;  
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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

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

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2 WHEREAS, Americans have been increasingly financially strained due to  
3 inflation and rising costs at the gas pumps; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL Pipeline project was terminated in 2021,  
6 thereby removing the availability of much-needed barrels of crude oil for the  
7 United States; and  
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9 WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the Keystone XL Pipeline would have  
10 generated eight hundred thirty thousand (830,000) barrels of crude oil to the  
11 United States per day; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the increase in the availability of crude oil to the United  
14 States from the Keystone XL Pipeline would ease the burden felt by Arkansans  
15 and Americans across the country and would better protect our national energy  
16 security in the future,  
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 THAT the Senate encourage the United States Government to take all  
23 appropriate measures to immediately resume the Keystone XL Pipeline project  
24 in order to increase energy independence for the United States.  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary  
27 of the Senate provide copies of this resolution to the President of the  
28 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
29 United States Senate Majority Leader, and all members of the Arkansas  
30 congressional delegation.  
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