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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KELLER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support the safe and responsible development of its energy resources via drilling, in an effort to maintain a robust energy supply chain that promotes national security, safeguards against energy scarcity, and reduces energy poverty for all Americans.

Whereas it is in the national security interests of the United States to maintain a strong domestic energy supply;

Whereas the timely delivery of affordable energy domestically and internationally requires an advanced and robust domestic energy supply chain;

Whereas energy workers and businesses require clear and supportive Federal policy to adequately maintain and develop the domestic energy supply chain to meet growing energy needs;

Whereas the Biden administration has taken steps, through executive action as well as in rhetoric, to limit American drillers' ability to develop the strategic oil and natural gas resources of the United States;

Whereas all the \$900,000,000 deposited annually into the Land and Water Conservation Fund is derived from Federal oil and gas leasing;

Whereas, as of April 29, 2022, crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve fell to 550,000,000 barrels, which is the lowest level since August 2002;

Whereas recent technological advances in energy resource exploration, drilling, completion, and production have led to unprecedented levels of efficiency and emissions reductions;

Whereas each oil and natural gas drilling rig in the United States can facilitate the production of over 1,000,000 barrels of oil and between 5,000,000,000 and 10,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas in the first year from the wells it drills over a 12-month period;

Whereas increased production and use of American natural gas have helped the United States reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 22 percent from 2005 levels; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing economic downturn have devastated the United States upstream

energy sector, which now faces a crippling shortage within its workforce: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States should support,
3 through rhetoric and policy, the responsible development
4 of hydrocarbons via drilling, including by—

5 (1) repealing administrative precedent that lim-
6 its the exploration, drilling, and production of do-
7 mestic natural resources on Federal lands, both on-
8 shore and offshore;

9 (2) clearly defining to the public the relation-
10 ship drilling has to future production and delivery of
11 energy resources;

12 (3) incentivizing workforce development in the
13 United States's domestic energy industry.