

A resolution

memorializing the President and Congress to enact legislation encouraging domestic oil drilling.

WHEREAS, the United States had 22,300,000,000 barrels of economically producible oil reserves as of December 31, 2009, according to the United States Energy Information Administration; and

WHEREAS, dependence on foreign imports of oil exposes the United States economy to fluctuations caused by instability in other regions of the world and contributes to the foreign trade deficit; and

WHEREAS, increasing domestic oil production would reduce American dependence on foreign sources of oil and reduce the foreign trade deficit; and

WHEREAS, increasing domestic oil production would boost the national economy by creating jobs and increasing revenues from leases, production, profits, and consumption; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President and the Congress of the United States to speedily enact legislation that promotes and removes impediments to domestic oil drilling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and

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- 2.1 Natural Resources, the chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Minnesota's
- 2.2 Senators and Representatives in Congress.