

# House Resolution 109 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

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1 A Resolution in support of the completion of the  
2 Keystone XL pipeline project.

3 WHEREAS, the United States relies, and will continue  
4 to rely for many years, on gasoline, diesel, and jet  
5 fuel despite a recent focus on the development and  
6 utilization of alternative and renewable sources of  
7 energy; and

8 WHEREAS, additional amounts of oil and natural  
9 gas, as well as alternative sources of energy,  
10 will be necessary in order to expand this country's  
11 economy; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States currently depends on  
13 foreign imports for more than one-half of its petroleum  
14 usage, and as the largest consumer of petroleum in the  
15 world, this dependence has created difficult political  
16 relationships with damaging consequences for this  
17 country's national security; and

18 WHEREAS, oil shale deposits in the Bakken Reserves  
19 in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota are an  
20 increasingly important crude oil resource, with an  
21 estimated 11 billion barrels of recoverable crude oil,

1 and there is not enough pipeline capacity for crude  
2 oil supplies from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota,  
3 Oklahoma, and Texas to reach American refineries; and

4 WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated  
5 173 billion barrels of recoverable oil, and Canada is  
6 the single largest supplier of oil to the United States  
7 at 2.62 million barrels per day, and Canada has the  
8 capacity to significantly increase this rate; and

9 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline will, when  
10 completed, carry 700,000 barrels of North American  
11 oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region  
12 and the construction of the pipeline will create an  
13 estimated 120,000 jobs nationwide, generate \$20 billion  
14 in economic growth, and generate millions of dollars  
15 in government receipts; and

16 WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States  
17 Department of Energy found that increasing oil  
18 deliveries to American refineries from Montana, North  
19 Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, and Alberta,  
20 Canada, to American refineries has the potential to  
21 substantially reduce this country's dependency on  
22 foreign energy sources; and

23 WHEREAS, Canada sends more than 99 percent of its  
24 oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which  
25 goes to midwestern refineries, oil companies are  
26 investing huge sums to expand and upgrade refineries in  
27 the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other  
28 refined products from Canadian oil, and these expansion  
29 and upgrade projects will create many construction jobs  
30 over the next five years, and add to Iowa's gross state

1 product; and

2 WHEREAS, the same money used to purchase North  
3 American oil will likely later be spent directly on  
4 United States goods and services in contrast with money  
5 sent to hostile oil-producing governments that is later  
6 used to further antidemocratic agendas; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
8 the House of Representatives supports the continued  
9 and increased development and delivery of oil derived  
10 from North American oil reserves to American refineries  
11 and urges the United States Congress to similarly  
12 support that continued and increased development and  
13 delivery; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
15 Representatives urges the United States Congress  
16 to request the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline  
17 project, which has been awaiting a permit since 2008  
18 in order to reduce dependence on unstable governments,  
19 improve this country's national security, and  
20 strengthen ties with an important ally; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
22 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's  
23 congressional delegation.