

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, Hurricane Katrina exposed the weakness of concentrated petroleum
3 refining capacity in common risk-prone areas, such as the Gulf Coast, and the value of locating
4 refineries in more inland areas; and

5 **Whereas**, in an industry which operates in global markets, United States refiners
6 are unable to meet the growth in demand for refined petroleum products in the United States and
7 gaps in supply are filled by imports; and

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9 **Whereas**, as global economies expand, there will be increased competition for
10 imports. Based on publicly available data, nearly 1.5 million barrels per day of additional
11 refining capacity projects are planned or under consideration for the 2005-2011 time period; and

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13 **Whereas**, while domestic expansion of our petroleum refining capacity is vital,
14 existing infrastructure for both crude oil and refined product distribution imposes economic
15 limitations on where new refineries could be located; and

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17 **Whereas**, policies are needed to create a climate conducive to investments to
18 expand domestic refining capacity, such as reform of the New Source Review (NSR) permitting
19 program to streamline the permit process and alignment of National Ambient Air Quality
20 Standards (NAAQS) ozone deadlines; and

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22 **Whereas**, due to the location of both four domestic and one Canadian crude oil
23 pipelines, as well as three pipelines that traverse the State of Missouri, Missouri has many
24 advantages for the placement of petroleum refining facilities; and

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26 **Whereas**, Missouri's close proximity to mature oil industry states such as
27 Oklahoma and Kansas provide optimum access to suppliers and services; and

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29 **Whereas**, with ample rural and low population areas, Missouri provides geographic
30 buffering while still being located closely to population centers that allow for a sufficient
31 workforce as well as cultural options:

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33 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
34 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
35 concurring therein, stand ready to work with the petroleum industry associations and petroleum
36 refiners for the purpose of generating jobs, strengthening the economy, increasing the capacity
37 for domestic refining, and reducing America's dependence on refined petroleum products; and

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39 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly encourages all
40 local, state, and federal regulatory bodies to streamline all permitting and other administrative
41 processes applicable to the placement and operation of petroleum refining capacity, aligned
42 infrastructures, and businesses; and

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44 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly is ready to
45 facilitate all reasonable approaches to addressing any concerns regarding logistics, demographics,
46 transportation, and infrastructure; and

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48 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
49 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Stephen
50 L. Johnson, Administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Samuel W. Bodman,
51 the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, Doyle Childers, Director of the
52 Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Fred Ferrell, the Director of the Missouri
53 Department of Agriculture, the American Petroleum Institute, and the Missouri Petroleum
54 Marketers and Convenience Store Association.