

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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6 **Whereas**, the United States consumes 20 million barrels of oil a day. Sixty-five
7 percent of that oil must be imported due to environmental lock-up restrictions on oil production
8 on America's offshore Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and areas like the 10-02 Area of the Arctic
9 National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) where huge oil and gas deposits are known to exist; and

10 **Whereas**, environmental groups have been successful for 25 years in stalling or
11 blocking legislation to open up these areas due to an uncompromising belief that any human
12 development destroys nature and the two are not compatible; and

13 **Whereas**, the 10-02 Area of ANWR was created with the expansion of ANWR in
14 1980 and defined specifically as an area "for the study of oil and gas development"; and

15 **Whereas**, geologists and the United States Geological Survey believe that area
16 contains the largest oil field to be found in the world in over 30 years; and

17 **Whereas**, the 10-02 Area of ANWR cannot be opened without permission from
18 Congress and signature by the President of the United States; and

19 **Whereas**, the oil America imports currently cost the nation \$1.5 billion a day and
20 remains the single largest drain on the economy. At estimated flow rates, ANWR 10-02 oil
21 could save the nation between \$125 and \$187 million a day for decades; and

22 **Whereas**, "The American Energy Independence and Security Act of 2008" would
23 limit the development footprint within the 10-02 Area of ANWR to 2000 acres, and would
24 mandate the use of the "best development technology available". Half of the first \$3.5 billion
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26 of lease sale royalties would be used to fund development of alternative "green" energies, with
27 the other half going to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Women's,
28 Infants' and Children's Nutrition Program; and

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30 **Whereas**, ANWR oil is unique among energy sources as its development costs the
31 American taxpayer nothing and will contribute hundreds of billions of dollars to federal coffers,
32 something no other energy source does; and

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34 **Whereas**, the price of oil is high due to the extreme tension between high demand
35 versus short supply which in the United States has reached just 1% or less difference between
36 supply and demand. This is exacerbated by the weak dollar against other hard currencies and
37 political unrest in oil-producing regions of the world; and

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39 **Whereas**, the opening of the 10-02 Area of ANWR is supported by the Alaskan
40 Native communities that live there, the Alaska State Legislature, the Governor of Alaska, and
41 over 75% of Alaskans;

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43 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
44 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
45 concurring therein, hereby urge Congress to enact "The American Energy Independence and
46 Security Act of 2008" to open the 10-02 Area of ANWR to oil and gas leasing due to the high
47 price of oil; and

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49 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each
51 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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