

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ENGLISH (Sponsor), LEARA, LICHTENEGGER, ZERR, MAYFIELD, MIMS, MCCAHERTY, DOHRMAN, JUSTUS, KOLKMEYER, CORNEJO, MCGAUGH, LOVE, MUNTZEL, HURST, WALKER, RUNIONS, WIELAND, FUNDERBURK, BURNS, BLACK, KELLEY (127), WHITE, GATSCHENBERGER, PACE AND JONES (110) (Co-sponsors).

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2 **WHEREAS**, high oil prices are having a major detrimental impact on families, farms,
3 and businesses in Missouri and are likely to undercut the prospects for an economic recovery;
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6 **WHEREAS**, the United States currently imports almost half of its oil and petroleum
7 products, making it dependent on foreign sources and subject to interruptions and price
8 fluctuations stemming from geopolitical forces; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, such instability has damaging consequences both for our economy and our
11 national security; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the United States Geological Survey estimates a resource of up to 27 billion
14 barrels of oil in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas of Alaska, providing a vast domestic oil reserve,
15 but opposition and regulatory hurdles are keeping energy producers from accessing these
16 resources; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project seeks to link expanded oil
19 production from the Canadian oil sands to refineries in the United States and to facilitate the flow
20 of oil from the Dakotas to the Gulf Coast, thereby decreasing our dependence on oil from outside
21 of North America; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Canada is a close friend and ally, with whom we share links of
24 infrastructure and energy networks and other ties, so that dollars spent on Canadian oil will likely
25 contribute to the success of the American economy; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the TransCanada pipeline project is projected to create construction and
manufacturing jobs in the United States, adding billions of dollars to the United States economy:

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
29 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
30 concurring therein, hereby call upon President Barack Obama and administration officials to:

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32 (1) Support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the
33 newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable
34 governments, strengthen ties with an important ally, and create jobs for American workers;

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36 (2) Support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska
37 to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President
41 Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry, United States House
42 of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, and each member of the Missouri Congressional
43 delegation.

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