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Whereas, Enacting policies that will lead to energy independence is necessary for the safety and prosperity of the American people. Reliance on overseas oil has the potential to maximize the leverage of foreign producers. While the Biden Administration's efforts to isolate and weaken Vladimir Putin have been welcome and necessary, our reliance on sources of energy originating on other continents creates a potential risk that those sources could be jeopardized by United States' actions abroad, which limit our ability to preserve and protect American values. Ensuring that the United States' economy can support itself without relying on supply chains that span the globe and without risk of foreign political disruptions is critical to job growth and competition in the United States; and

Whereas, President Biden, United States Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm, Governor Whitmer, Michigan Attorney General Nessel, and other elected officials have pursued policies that have harmed our ability to achieve energy independence, including the President's decision to halt the Keystone XL pipeline and the Governor's and Michigan Attorney General's attempts to shut down the Line 5 pipeline, a crucial source of energy for millions of

1 Michiganders; and

2 Whereas, Protecting our environment is better accomplished
3 with domestically produced fossil fuels, which are believed to be
4 significantly cleaner than those found in other parts of the world;
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6 Whereas, The United States must focus on policies that
7 increase the production of energy here at home, such as ensuring
8 the continued safe operation of the Line 5 pipeline in Michigan,
9 increasing domestic oil and gas drilling, increasing investments in
10 renewable energy, and abandoning policies that limit domestic
11 energy production and raise the capital costs associated with
12 fossil fuel development; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the adoption of policies
14 that will help lead to energy independence and lower energy costs
15 in the United States; and be it further

16 Resolved, That we urge Governor Whitmer and Michigan Attorney
17 General Nessel to immediately cease their efforts to shut down the
18 Line 5 pipeline and instead work proactively to lower energy costs
19 for the residents of this state; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 Governor, the Michigan Attorney General, the commissioners of the
22 Michigan Public Service Commission, the commissioners of the
23 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Secretary of the United
24 States Department of Energy, the Secretary of the United States
25 Department of the Interior, the President of the United States, the
26 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
27 States House of Representatives, and the entire Michigan
28 congressional delegation.