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Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic energy sources in an effort to achieve full energy security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. WRIGHT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic energy sources in an effort to achieve full energy security.

Whereas, on September 14, 2019, two facilities belonging to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's (KSA) state-run oil company Saudi Aramco were severely damaged in a sophisticated aerial attack carried out by enemies of the Kingdom;

Whereas, in 2018, nine percent of all petroleum imports of the United States came from the KSA;

Whereas, in the same year, twenty-nine percent of all petroleum imports of the United States came from countries that belong to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), including KSA;

Whereas due to OPEC's outsized share of the global petroleum market, any instability in one of its member countries can directly impact global energy markets;

Whereas thanks to the energy renaissance of the United States more oil and natural gas are being produced domestically than by any other nation in the world;

Whereas the energy industry of the United States is leading all sectors in creating and supporting new high-quality jobs;

Whereas technological advances in the domestic energy industry have resulted in large reductions in the dispersal of harmful pollutants into the environment;

Whereas nuclear power has generated approximately one-fifth of the electricity used in the United States each year since 1990 and currently provides over fifty-five percent of the carbon-free electricity of the United States;

Whereas renewable sources of energy account for eleven percent of domestic energy consumption;

Whereas the United States has abundant coal reserves, including a demonstrated reserve base estimated to contain 475,000,000,000 short tons; and

Whereas it is in the national security interests of the United States to control its own energy supply: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States should support, and

1 not limit access to, all domestic energy sources in an effort
2 to achieve full energy security, including by—

3 (1) encouraging technological innovations to ex-
4 ploit the United States vast supply of natural gas;

5 (2) increasing the domestic oil production, in-
6 frastructure, and refining capacity of the United
7 States;

8 (3) exploring and investing in the current nu-
9 clear power fleet and advanced nuclear reactor tech-
10 nologies;

11 (4) taking advantage of the United States do-
12 mestic coal supply through processes such as carbon
13 capture, utilization, and storage;

14 (5) expanding use of renewable and alternative
15 energy sources;

16 (6) supporting additional research and develop-
17 ment opportunities through new and innovative
18 methods, including public-private partnerships;

19 (7) promoting increased conservation and en-
20 ergy efficiency; and

21 (8) enhancing consumer awareness and edu-
22 cation regarding domestic energy use, supply, and
23 development.

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