

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 5

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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2       **WHEREAS**, the United States is still many years away from ending its dependency on  
3 nonrenewable resources despite recent focus on renewable energy. In order to fuel our economy,  
4 the United States will need more oil and natural gas, while also requiring additional alternative  
5 energy sources like ethanol and other renewables; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for more than half  
7 of our petroleum usage. As the largest consumer of petroleum in the world, our dependence on  
8 foreign oil has created difficult geopolitical relationships with damaging consequences for our  
9 national security; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second only to Saudi Arabia, using  
12 current measurements. Oil sands now account for more than half of western Canada's total oil  
13 output; and

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15       **WHEREAS**, a recent study by the United States Department of Energy found that  
16 growing Canadian oil sands importation by the United States has the potential to substantially  
17 reduce the United States' dependency on sources outside of North America; and

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19       **WHEREAS**, Canada is a friendly neighbor with whom the United States has an excellent  
20 trading and political relationship. Canada sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the United  
21 States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries. Canadian oil sands provide greater fuel  
22 supply reliability and reduce the risk of supply disruptions to consumers; and

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24       **WHEREAS**, oil companies are investing large sums to expand and upgrade refineries  
25 in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined products from the Canadian  
26 oil derived from oil sands; and

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28           **WHEREAS**, some of the money used to buy Canadian oil will likely later be spent on  
29 imported U.S. goods and services, contrasting with the money sent to hostile oil-producing  
30 governments which may then be used to further anti-Western agendas; and

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32           **WHEREAS**, supporting the continued shift towards reliable and secure sources of  
33 Canadian oil is of vital interest to the United States and the State of Missouri:

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35           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
36 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
37 concurring therein, hereby:

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39           (1) Support continued and increased importation of Canadian oil sands;

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41           (2) Urge Congress to support continued and increased importation of Canadian oil sands;

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43           (3) Urge Congress to ask the United States Secretary of State to approve the  
44 TransCanada Keystone Coast Expansion pipeline project that has been awaiting a presidential  
45 permit since 2008 to reduce dependence on unstable governments, improve our national security,  
46 and strengthen ties with an important ally; 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 each  
50 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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