

HOUSE RESOLUTION 195

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A RESOLUTION relative to the Keystone XL pipeline.

WHEREAS, President Obama recently rejected the necessary permit for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, TransCanada's \$7 billion, shovel-ready project that would support as many as 20,000 American jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Keystone XL pipeline would travel 1,661 miles from Alberta to interconnections in Oklahoma and then carry Canadian crude oil to refineries on the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, President Obama halted the project, citing the "national interest," despite two Department of State studies that assert the pipeline would have "no significant impacts" on the environment; and

WHEREAS, through this rejection, President Obama demonstrated that job creation is not a high priority for his administration, despite the nation experiencing an unacceptably high unemployment rate and an ailing economy; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has missed a golden opportunity, denying the United States of one million barrels of oil per day purchased from a long-time U.S. ally rather than an unstable Middle East country that is funding jihad against us; and

WHEREAS, any delay in the construction of a pipeline will simply cause Canada to sell the oil to other countries who are willing to buy now, thereby closing our window of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the pipeline be built, since gasoline prices have more than doubled over the course of the past three years; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed unfortunate that President Obama failed to heed his Jobs Council's wise advice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that it is the sense of this body that President Obama's rejection of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline represents a missed opportunity to create tens of thousands of jobs for American workers and to lessen our nation's dependence on foreign oil, both worthy objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly fully supports the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and strongly encourages President Obama to approve TransCanada's next permit application in order to have the pipeline online by 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Barrack Obama, President of the United States of America.