

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, only about forty-two percent of the petroleum that our country consumes originates from domestically-produced sources; and

WHEREAS, the United States relies upon foreign suppliers for a majority of our nation's petroleum needs; and

WHEREAS, this dependence on foreign suppliers of petroleum makes our nation more vulnerable to supply shifts and price fluctuations; and

WHEREAS, this vulnerability gives foreign powers more influence and control over our domestic activities; and

WHEREAS, our nation has potentially vast untapped natural resources within our own territory in the form of oil and natural gas reserves beneath our coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, our nation has the technological capability to explore and utilize these resources in a manner that is safe and that minimizes potential impacts to our coastal environments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge Congress to secure greater energy independence for the United States by allowing new off-shore drilling activities in areas where the likelihood of resource recovery is high; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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