THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DOMESTIC ENERGY SECURITY PROMOTION

WHEREAS, the United States possesses 29 billion barrels of proven oil reserves making it the 12th largest in the world and annually consumes roughly 22 percent of its oil production; and

WHEREAS, the United States possesses a technically recoverable natural gas resource potential of 2,284 trillion cubic feet (Tcf), and natural gas prices are predicted to be low and stable well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States imported 40 percent of the oil it consumed in 2012 and 57 percent of the crude oil processed in domestic refineries was imported in 2012; and

WHEREAS, this dependence on imported oil includes unstable nations that are unfriendly toward our country; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces threats to its domestic energy from such factors as continued dependence on the OPEC cartel and other foreign oil suppliers, inadequate conventional petroleum supplies to meet increases in world demand, rapidly increasing global competition for oil from China, India, and other nations and supply disruptions from natural disasters, political causes and potential terrorism; and

WHEREAS, no single source alone can meet future energy security needs of the country and a multi-faceted approach including new supply options, energy efficiency, and energy demand technologies should be employed; and

WHEREAS, future domestic energy security will be enhanced by the utilization of such technologies, including but not limited to: coal-to-liquid; oil shale; enhanced oil recovery; nuclear power; renewable resources like onshore and offshore wind, solar, geothermal and biomass fuels; combined heat and power systems; waste to energy systems; transportation fuel efficiency improvements; and increased access to oil and natural gas reserves both on and offshore; and

WHEREAS, The rapid deployment of large “poly-gen” energy plants using gasification technologies are capable of producing environmentally superior transportation fuels, industrial and pipeline-quality synthetic natural gas, zero-emissions electricity, hydrogen, chemicals for fertilizers and enhanced oil and expanded domestic natural gas recovery and production using captured carbon dioxide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments urges the executive branch and Congress to seriously review the threat posed to American energy security from policies that do not enable the productive use of indigenous energy resources which continue reliance on imported fuels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments urges immediate congressional action be taken to accelerate the deployment and use of alternative transportation fuels produced from natural gas, coal, biomass and oil shale to help eliminate the United States’ dependence on foreign sources of oil; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are to be transmitted to the President of the United States, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Energy, all relevant federal agencies, and the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

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