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A Resolution in Support of Energy Reliability and Security

Sponsors

The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander, President, South Carolina Senate
Representative William E. "Bill" Sandifer, South Carolina
Representative Bobby Payne, Florida

WHEREAS, the United States energy sector is a vital link in the American and global economies; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is the backbone of the U.S. energy sector, leading us to domestic energy independence; and

WHEREAS, the American gas industry helps provide needed tax revenues, and is a large economic driver for states and localities across the country and a bridge to a renewable future; and

WHEREAS, the abundant natural resources in our nation allow us to help our international allies meet their energy needs; and

WHEREAS, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the need to help meet the energy needs for our European allies has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to update existing infrastructure and build out new capacity to increase resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, with the rise in use of renewable energy sources for generation, the importance of natural gas is even more vital to help provide a reliable fuel for baseload electricity needs; and

WHEREAS, natural gas continues to be a crucial energy resource for a practical strategy to build a low-carbon economy; and

WHEREAS, greater use of natural gas in the U.S. has directly led to a substantial reduction in CO₂ emissions over the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, existing barriers to greater access to domestic natural gas are creating chokepoints in the development of needed new infrastructure projects in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, these barriers stymie the nation's ability to remain energy independent and help provide a critical energy source for democratic allies; and

WHEREAS, limiting the responsible production of the cleanest and most environmentally sustainable natural gas in the world further harms global emission reductions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) calls on Congress to prioritize passing needed reforms to ensure a more efficient, fair, and impartial permitting process to aid in America's clean energy future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the SSEB calls on President Biden to support and sign comprehensive permitting reform legislation that comes to his desk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SSEB calls on the Biden administration to support policies that assist access to affordable, reliable energy sources.