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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should seek to achieve complete energy independence by 2015.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DRAKE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas all Americans have the right to affordable energy;

Whereas, for too long, the United States has failed to develop its own natural resources and to encourage the innovative spirit necessary to achieve energy independence;

Whereas, by operating a 21st Century economy through an energy infrastructure built in the 1970's, the United States has made itself vulnerable to rogue nations, dictators, and a commodities market that is sensitive to global political and natural events; and

Whereas the 109th Congress took decisive action to begin to restore our infrastructure after decades of neglect by

passing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, but more must be done: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States should seek to achieve
3 complete energy independence by 2015, by—

4 (1) investing in the production infrastructure
5 necessary to increase the use of renewable and alter-
6 native fuels;

7 (2) exploring and producing more American
8 natural resources;

9 (3) increasing the number of domestic refin-
10 eries;

11 (4) revising and streamlining the permitting
12 process for constructing and operating energy pro-
13 duction facilities;

14 (5) promoting small businesses and entre-
15 preneurs to further develop the use of renewable and
16 alternative energy;

17 (6) encouraging gasoline servicing stations to
18 become capable of supplying new sources of energy
19 for automobiles;

20 (7) furthering the proliferation of fuel efficient
21 vehicles;

22 (8) improving the energy efficiency of Federal,
23 State, and local government facilities and promoting
24 energy conservation in the private sector;

1 (9) enabling businesses and homeowners to
2 produce their own electricity and sell the abundance
3 back to the grid; and

4 (10) engaging the bright minds in academia to
5 further explore research and development into new
6 technologies and uses of renewable and alternative
7 fuels.

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