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Expressing the sense of the Senate that it should be a goal of the United States to reduce the amount of oil projected to be imported in 2025 by 40 percent and that the President should take measures to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas reports by the Energy Information Administration entitled “Annual Energy Outlook 2005” and “May 2005 Monthly Energy Review” estimated that, between January 1, 2005 and April 30, 2005, the United States imported an average of 13,056,000 barrels of oil per day and that, by 2025, the United States will import 19,110,000 barrels of oil per day;

Whereas technology solutions already exist to dramatically increase the productivity of the energy supply of the United States;

Whereas energy efficiency and conservation measures can improve the economic competitiveness of the United States and lessen energy costs for families in the United States;

Whereas the dependence of the United States on foreign oil imports leaves the United States vulnerable to oil supply shocks and reliant on the willingness of other countries to provide sufficient supplies of oil;

Whereas, although only 3 percent of proven oil reserves in the world are located in territory controlled by the United States, advances in fossil fuel extraction techniques and technologies could increase the United States energy supplies; and

Whereas reducing energy consumption also benefits the United States by lowering the environmental impacts associated with fossil fuel use: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) it should be a goal of the United States to  
3       reduce the amount of foreign oil that will be im-  
4       ported in 2025 by 40 percent from the amount the  
5       Energy Information Administration estimates will be  
6       imported in 2025;

7               (2) the President should take measures to re-  
8       duce the dependence of the United States on foreign  
9       oil by—

1 (A) not later than 1 year after the date of  
2 passage of this resolution, and every 2 years  
3 thereafter—

4 (i) developing and implementing  
5 measures to reduce dependence on foreign  
6 oil by reducing oil in end-uses throughout  
7 the economy of the United States sufficient  
8 by 2015 to reduce by 1,000,000 barrels  
9 per day the total demand for oil in the  
10 United States projected for such year in  
11 the Reference Case in the Annual Energy  
12 Outlook 2005 report published by the En-  
13 ergy Information Administration; and

14 (ii) developing and implementing  
15 measures to reduce dependence on foreign  
16 oil by reducing oil in end-uses throughout  
17 the economy of the United States sufficient  
18 by 2025 to reduce by 7,640,000 barrels  
19 per day the total demand for oil in the  
20 United States projected for such year in  
21 the Reference Case in the Annual Energy  
22 Outlook 2005 report published by the En-  
23 ergy Information Administration; or

24 (B) if the President determines that there  
25 are insufficient legal authorities to achieve the

1 target for 2025, developing and implementing  
2 measures to reduce dependence on foreign oil  
3 by—

4 (i) reducing oil in end-uses throughout  
5 the economy of the United States to the  
6 maximum extent practicable; and

7 (ii) submitting to Congress proposed  
8 legislation or other recommendations to  
9 achieve the target;

10 (3) in developing measures under paragraph  
11 (2), the President should—

12 (A) ensure continued reliable and afford-  
13 able energy for the United States, consistent  
14 with the creation of jobs and economic growth  
15 and maintaining the international competitive-  
16 ness of businesses in the United States, includ-  
17 ing the manufacturing sector; and

18 (B) implement measures under paragraph  
19 (2) under existing authorities of the appropriate  
20 Federal agencies, as determined by the Presi-  
21 dent;

22 (4) not later than 1 year after the date of pas-  
23 sage of this resolution, and annually thereafter, the  
24 President should submit to Congress a report, based  
25 on the most recent edition of the Annual Energy

1 Outlook published by the Energy Information Ad-  
2 ministration, that assesses the progress made by the  
3 United States toward the goal of reducing depend-  
4 ence on foreign oil imports by 2025, including by—

5 (A) identifying the status of efforts to  
6 meet the goal described in paragraph (1);

7 (B) assessing the effectiveness of any  
8 measure implemented under paragraph (2) dur-  
9 ing the previous fiscal year in meeting the goal  
10 described in paragraph (1); and

11 (C) describing plans to develop additional  
12 measures to meet the goal described in para-  
13 graph (1).

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