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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States consumes roughly an average of 20,698,000 barrels of oil per day, with demand growing at a daily rate;

Whereas the global average of daily oil consumption stands at 85,354,000;

Whereas the United States total annual energy consumption is approximately 101.6 quadrillion BTU, with renewable sources of energy accounting for less than 7 quadrillion BTU;

Whereas by the year 2015 China and India combined will consume more energy than the United States, and by the year 2020 China alone will consume more energy than the United States;

Whereas the United States has an estimated 225 year coal reserve, is the most abundant and efficient domestic fuel source, and processes such as gasification and liquefaction offer cleaner alternatives for utilizing this resource;

Whereas the United States has not sited, nor permitted, a refinery in over thirty years, nor built a nuclear power plant in over 10 years; and

Whereas such sources such as wind, solar, and biofuels need and deserve our attention and the necessary resources to encourage their commercial viability: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that in order to meet our Nation's growing
 3 long-term energy demands and maintain our economic via-
 4 bility in the world marketplace the following must be ad-
 5 dressed in any comprehensive and economically viable en-
 6 ergy bill considered by the 111th Congress:

1 (1) Expanded use of renewable and alternative
2 energy sources.

3 (2) Increase in our domestic refining capacity.

4 (3) Promote and incentivize an increase in con-
5 servation and energy efficiency.

6 (4) Expand and promote additional research
7 and development through new and innovative meth-
8 ods such as public-private partnerships.

9 (5) Enhancing consumer awareness and edu-
10 cation regarding methods to increase energy effi-
11 ciency and available alternative fuel sources to re-
12 duce our dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

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