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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any comprehensive plan to reform our national energy policy must promote American energy security and develop the abundant resources of the United States.

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, Space, 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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any comprehensive plan to reform our national energy policy must promote American energy security and develop the abundant resources of the United States.

Whereas the United States total annual energy consumption is approximately 97.7 quadrillion BTU;

Whereas the United States has greatly increased domestic oil production over the last decade, leading to net imports of petroleum decreasing to 24 percent, the lowest number since 1970;

Whereas the United States has seen natural gas reserves and production exceed estimates, and due to this is expected to be a net exporter by 2020;

Whereas nuclear power has supplied approximately one-fifth of annual United States electricity since 1990 and provides approximately 60 percent of the carbon-free electricity of the United States;

Whereas renewable sources of energy account for 11 percent of domestic energy production; and

Whereas the United States has abundant coal reserves, including a demonstrated reserve base estimated to contain 477 billion short tons: 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 long-term
 3 energy demands the following must be addressed in any
 4 comprehensive energy bill considered by the 115th Con-
 5 gress:

6 (1) Encouraging technological innovations to
 7 exploit our vast supply of natural gas.

8 (2) Increasing our domestic oil production, in-
 9 frastructure, and refining capacity.

10 (3) Exploring and investing in the current nu-
 11 clear fleet and advanced reactor technologies.

12 (4) Taking advantage of our domestic coal sup-
 13 ply through processes such as carbon capture, utili-
 14 zation, and storage.

1 (5) Using expanded renewable and alternative
2 energy sources.

3 (6) Supporting additional research and develop-
4 ment through new and innovative methods, including
5 public-private partnerships.

6 (7) Promoting increased conservation and en-
7 ergy efficiency.

8 (8) Enhancing consumer awareness and edu-
9 cation regarding domestic energy use, supply, and
10 development.

