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To express the sense of Congress concerning the United States and its dependence on foreign sources of oil.

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Mr. GRAVES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas American demand for energy will continue to grow; Whereas the United States must not continue to rely upon turbulent regions to supply its oil;

Whereas the United States currently imports oil produced by Iraq, a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism;

Whereas American investment in foreign oil markets potentially could help fund terrorist operations;

Whereas national security could be compromised by dealing with countries friendly to terrorist organizations;

Whereas American investment focused on domestic energy production would lessen our dependence on oil from regimes who do not fully cooperate in the war on terrorism;

Whereas renewable fuel sources present unlimited potential for the United States to become self-reliant for our energy needs; and

Whereas a domestic focus on energy exploration and production would create jobs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*
- 3 (1) the United States must systematically re-
- 4 duce its reliance on foreign oil sources;
- 5 (2) the United States must increase domestic
- 6 oil exploration and production;
- 7 (3) the United States must expedite the devel-
- 8 opment of alternative fuel sources, particularly eth-
- 9 anol and biodiesel;
- 10 (4) the United States must reevaluate its rela-
- 11 tionships with noncooperative, secretive regimes; and
- 12 (5) our Nation should develop a long overdue
- 13 comprehensive energy policy that promotes domestic
- 14 energy research and development and provides for
- 15 the security and diversity of the American energy
- 16 supply.

