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Expressing support for Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) to reveal her commonsense plan to lower gasoline prices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HELLER of Nevada submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on April 18, 2006, then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) released a statement saying, “Democrats have a plan to lower gas prices...”;

Whereas on April 24, 2006, then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) released a statement saying, “Democrats have a commonsense plan to help bring down skyrocketing gas prices...”;

Whereas on January 4, 2007, the day Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) convened the 110th Congress, the average retail price of gasoline was \$2.33 per gallon;

Whereas on March 10, 2008, the Associated Press reported that “Gasoline prices were poised Monday to set a new

record at the pump, having surged to within half a cent of their record high of \$3.227 a gallon.”;

Whereas on March 12, 2008, KXII First 12 News in Texas reported that “Jona Lunde, a Preston volunteer firefighter, says many local volunteer departments are being forced to cut other equipment out of their budgets to pay for gas.”;

Whereas a March 20, 2008, filing with the United States Department of the Interior by the American Trucking Association states that “In 2007, the trucking industry spent more than \$112 billion on fuel, and this year that figure will likely increase to \$135 billion.”;

Whereas on April 2, 2008, the Palladium-Item in Richmond, Indiana, reported that “a recent surge in gas prices” resulted in the Richmond police department cutting costs by “having two officers ride together in patrol cars and having officers walk around for an hour or two while patrolling neighborhoods...”;

Whereas on April 8, 2008, WBKO News in Bowling Green, Kentucky, reported that “With today’s economy it’s becoming extremely expensive for schools to pick up children and take them home...” and “Some school districts are considering cutting certain routes, and there’s even some discussion of going to four day school weeks.”;

Whereas on April 8, 2008, the Reno Gazette Journal in Reno, Nevada reported that “In Nevada, the average price of regular gasoline is \$3.46, a state-wide increase of 45 cents in two months, according to the American Automobile Association” and also “the rising prices are taking a bigger bite out of her pocketbook and the budg-

ets of others in rural Nevada who have to travel for personal reasons.”;

Whereas on April 10, 2008, CNN reported in a news story entitled “How Soaring Fuel Prices Hurt Kids” that “From teachers and books to bus routes and field trips, the soaring price of fuel is causing school districts across the country to cut back—especially in more rural areas where the tax base is small and the distance to bus students is large.”;

Whereas on April 10, 2008, CNN reported in a news story entitled “How Soaring Fuel Prices Hurt Kids” that “To cope, the district is freezing the budget for classroom supplies.”;

Whereas on April 10, 2008, the Elko Daily Free Press reported that “In the Las Vegas area, average prices rose 15 cents a gallon from March to around \$3.38. Prices in Reno and Carson City were up 21 cents, to \$3.58 and \$3.53 respectively.”;

Whereas on April 10, 2008, the Elko Daily Free Press also reported that “Diesel prices, which are already averaging more than \$4 a gallon nationwide, will average \$3.62 a gallon this year, up 74 cents from 2007, the EIA said” and “Diesel fuel is used by trucks that transport the vast majority of the world’s food, consumer, and industrial products. High diesel prices are one of the reasons food prices are soaring.”;

Whereas on April 20, 2008, ABC 7 News in San Francisco reported that “As predicted, the price for a gallon of gas has broken through the \$4 dollar a gallon mark. The Shell gas station at Bryant and 4th Street just before the Bay Bridge has gas that is \$4.19 a gallon for regular un-

leaded. A Lundberg Survey from Friday shows that the national average is \$3.47 a gallon and the most expensive gas in the nation was in San Francisco at \$3.88.”;

Whereas on April 21, 2008, the Associated Press reported that, “Diesel prices at the pump also struck a record high of \$4.20 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That’s sure to add to truckers’ costs and drive up the price of food, clothing, and other goods shipped by truck.”;

Whereas on April 22, 2008, almost 2 years to the day after Speaker Pelosi announced that “Democrats have a commonsense plan to help bring down skyrocketing gas prices...”, the average retail price of gasoline was \$3.51 per gallon;

Whereas on April 22, 2008, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) still has not revealed the Democrat plan to lower gas prices;

Whereas on April 22, 2008, USA Today reported that “Americans already were feeling pinched, according to a USA TODAY/Gallup Poll five weeks ago, when gasoline averaged about \$3.28. About 63% said fuel prices were a hardship. That’s the biggest percentage recorded since 2005 by the poll, which has asked the question since February 2000.”;

Whereas on April 22, 2008, the Associated Press reported that “Gas and oil prices marched further into record high territory Tuesday, with retail gas reaching a national average of \$3.51 for the first time and crude passing \$118...”;

Whereas an analysis from Jefferies and Co. found that, for every 25-cent-increase in the national price average for

gasoline, an estimated \$100,000,000 is displaced from American consumers every single day;

Whereas 91 percent of all Americans commute to work using an automobile and the increase in gasoline costs for the 3,300,000 Americans who drive at least 50 miles each way to work every day has increased more than \$1,200 since Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) took the Speaker’s gavel;

Whereas the average American drives approximately 12,000 miles per year and is now paying \$708 more than when Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D–CA) took the Speaker’s gavel; and

Whereas the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, known as the “traditional start of the summer travel season”, is only a month away, and 9 out of every 10 summer trips made by American families are made in an automobile: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives rec-
- 2 ommends that within 5 legislative days the Speaker shall
- 3 introduce in the form of a bill a commonsense plan to help
- 4 bring down skyrocketing gasoline and diesel prices.

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