

**SR024-0304**

10                                   **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE**  
20                                   **ENERGY SUPPLY OF THE UNITED STATES**

30 **WHEREAS:** Currently, the United States imports more than 55% of our petroleum each day from  
40 the other countries including OPEC nation such as Iran and Saudi Arabia; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Such importation exports our wealth to those nations, enriches Saudi Princes and the  
60 dictators of rogue nations; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** These costs every year rack up to an outrageous figure of \$55.1 billion per year (not  
80 including military costs); and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The taxes flowing into the federal government from this \$55.1 billion per year could  
100 be used to supplement the \$228 million dollars included in the 2005 budget towards research into  
110 hydrogen fuel cells; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** We should strive to keep this great amount of wealth within our nation; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The only way to keep this wealth circulating in our nation is to drill the petroleum  
140 within our nation, refine the petroleum within our nation, and distribute it within the markets of  
150 our country; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** ANWR is the one of the largest petroleum reserve in our nation, in particular the  
170 northern coastal plain of ANWR; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** ANWR (Alaskan National Wildlife Reserve) consists of 19.6 million acres while  
190 only 2,000 acres are currently being proposed for drilling; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** Drilling in ANWR could produce enough petroleum to last the United States for  
210 many years to come; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** If Congress would have authorized drilling in ANWR 10 years ago petroleum would  
230 likely be much cheaper; and;

240 **WHEREAS:** The estimate for job creation from drilling in ANWR is estimated to be up to  
250 735,000 including 18,406 in Maryland alone; and,

260 **WHEREAS:** Conservative estimates by the Department of Interior are around 16 billion barrels  
270 of recoverable petroleum; and,

280 **WHEREAS:** Drilling in ANWR would have no negative or negligible effects wildlife living  
290 within the reserve; and,

300 **WHEREAS:** Major oil drilling at Prudhoe Bay has had a positive effect on the central arctic  
310 caribou herd; numbers growing from 3,000 to 23,400 within the past 20 years just at Prudhoe Bay;  
320 and,

330 **WHEREAS:** The oil pipeline in Alaska has had no negative effect on the caribou; and,

340 **WHEREAS:** The Eskimos who currently live in ANWR would benefit greatly from drilling in  
350 ANWR; and,

360 **WHEREAS:** The residents of Kaktovik, the only people living on the Coastal Plain of ANWR,  
370 strongly support the oil and gas development; and,

380 **WHEREAS:** 75% of Alaskans support exploration and production on the Coastal Plain of  
390 ANWR; and,

400 **WHEREAS:** The State of Alaska receives 85% of its annual revenue from oil taxes and royalties;  
410 and,

420 **WHEREAS:** Both of the United States Senators from Alaska support Drilling in ANWR; and,

430 **WHEREAS:** ANWR is larger than Maryland, Vermont, Delaware, and Hawaii combined; and,

440 **WHEREAS:** The Inupiat Eskimos currently support the drilling and would benefit greatly from  
450 the job creation following the drilling; and,

460 **WHEREAS:** America needs this drilling during this time of war to make our nation less  
470 dependent on the nations that support terrorists and nations which harbor the terrorists; and,

480 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United  
490 States Congress to allow exploration into the Coastal Plain of ANWR regarding oil and gas; and,

500 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States  
510 Congress to begin drilling the Coastal Plain of ANWR after the exploration has been completed.

520 **MANDATES:**

530                   President George W. Bush  
580                   Vice President Dick Cheney  
590                   Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist  
600                   Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle  
610                   Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert  
620                   Majority Leader of the House Tom Delay  
630                   Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi  
540                   Senator Ted Stevens  
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