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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DWINDLING ENERGY SUPPLY OF THE**
20 **UNITED STATES AND OUR DEPENDENCE ON ENERGY FROM TERRORISTS**
30 **AND TERRORIST SUPPORTING NATIONS**

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

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

90 **WHEREAS:** These costs every year rack up to an outrageous figure of
100 \$55.1 billion per year (not including military costs); and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The taxes flowing into the federal government from this
120 \$55.1 billion per year could be used to supplement
130 the \$228 million dollars included in the 2005 budget towards
140 research into hydrogen fuel cells; and,

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

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

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

220 **WHEREAS:** ANWR (Alaskan National Wildlife Reserve) consists of
230 19.6 million acres while only 2,000 acres are currently
240 being proposed for drilling; and,

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

270 **WHEREAS:** Gasoline prices in much of the country exceeds two dollars a gallon; and,

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

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

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

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

360 **WHEREAS:** Major oil drilling at Prudhoe Bay has had a positive effect on the
370 central arctic caribou herd; numbers growing from 3,000 to
380 23,400 within the past 20 years just at Prudhoe Bay; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

520 **WHEREAS:** Even the democratic challenger to Senator Murkowski (former Governor
530 Tony Knowles) supports drilling in ANWR in the 2004 Senate race; and,

540 **WHEREAS:** ANWR is larger then Maryland, Vermont, Delaware, and
550 Hawaii combined; and,

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

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

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

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

670 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
680 Vice President Dick Cheney
690 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
700 Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle
710 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
720 Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi
730 Senator Ted Stevens
740 Senator Lisa Murkowski
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