

1 represents nearly half of the United States refining capacity and imports approximately 5
2 million barrels of oil per day; and

3 WHEREAS, once completed the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline and the
4 additional Gulf Coast Expansion project could displace about forty percent of the oil the
5 United States currently imports from the Middle East and Venezuela; and

6 WHEREAS, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline has been the subject of the most
7 thorough public consultation process of any proposed pipeline, and the subject of multiple
8 environmental impact statements and several United States Department of State studies; and

9 WHEREAS, these statements and studies have concluded that it poses the least
10 impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting oil; and

11 WHEREAS, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline will support over ten thousand
12 jobs in construction and manufacturing in the United States.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
14 the Congress of the United States to urge the U.S. Department of State to approve the
15 presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada
16 Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
18 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
19 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
20 Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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