

1 FAYETTEVILLE SHALE CAUCUS RESOLUTION

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3 OPPOSING THE DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
4 STATES TO REJECT A PERMIT TO BUILD THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE  
5 AND SUPPORTING THE ARKANSAS WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE  
6 DECISION.  
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8 WHEREAS, TransCanada wants to build the Keystone XL pipeline to carry crude oil  
9 from Alberta to refineries in Texas; and  
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11 WHEREAS, TransCanada is willing to change the route of the Keystone XL pipeline  
12 to avoid certain areas of environmental concern; and  
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14 WHEREAS, on November 10, 2011, President Barack Obama announced his  
15 support of the State Department announcement that it would delay its decision on the  
16 Keystone XL pipeline until 2013; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the delay was unnecessary because the United States Department of  
19 State has already been analyzing the Keystone XL pipeline for nearly three (3) years; and  
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21 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2011, Welspun Tubular Company, located at the Little  
22 Rock Port Authority, announced it will lay off sixty (60) workers due to the delay; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed, and the President of the  
25 United States signed into law, H.R. 3765, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act  
26 of 2011, becoming Public Law No: 112-78; and  
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28 WHEREAS, under Section 501 of Public Law No: 112-78, the Congress directed the  
29 President, acting through the Secretary of State, to grant a permit within sixty (60) days for  
30 the Keystone XL pipeline unless the President determined the Keystone XL pipeline did not  
31 serve the national interest; and  
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33 WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012, the President announced the rejection of  
34 TransCanada's application to construct the Keystone XL pipeline; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is critical to the creation of United States jobs  
37 and to our nation's economic, energy, and national security; and  
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39 WHEREAS, President Obama's administration failed to recognize that its decision  
40 prevents the creation of 20,000 manufacturing and construction jobs, and continues the  
41 nation's significant dependence on politically unstable countries for our energy needs; and  
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43 WHEREAS, Welspun Tubular has 800 miles of pipe constructed for the Keystone  
44 XL pipeline at its facility in Little Rock, waiting to be transported; and

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46 WHEREAS, the president of Welspun Tubular in Arkansas told the *Arkansas*  
47 *Democrat-Gazette* if that pipe isn't used for Keystone XL, the operations of six hundred (600)  
48 Arkansas workers could be negatively affected.

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50 NOW THEREFORE,

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52 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE CAUCUS OF THE  
53 EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS--

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55 (1) opposes the decision to reject the application for construction of the Keystone XL  
56 pipeline that would create 20,000 new jobs and secure America's economic, energy,  
57 and national security;  
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59 (2) deplores the loss of Arkansas jobs due to the initial delay of the Keystone XL  
60 pipeline;  
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62 (3) deplores the threat against additional Arkansas workers due to the rejection of the  
63 application to construct the Keystone XL pipeline;  
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65 (4) stands in support of the sixty (60) Arkansas workers who lost their jobs due to the  
66 initial delay of the Keystone XL pipeline, their families, and any workers similarly  
67 affected around the country;  
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69 (5) stands in support of the six hundred (600) Arkansas workers whose jobs are  
70 threatened due to the rejection of the application to construct the Keystone XL  
71 pipeline, as well as their families; and  
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73 (6) calls upon the President of the United States to expedite the review and approval of  
74 any new applications by TransCanada to construct the Keystone XL pipeline.

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, a copy of this  
77 resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the  
78 Secretary of State of the United States, the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the  
79 Governor of the State of Arkansas.