

A RESOLUTION condemning the veto of the Keystone XL pipeline legislation by the President of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is a 1,179-mile pipeline that would carry up to 830,000 barrels of petroleum each day from the oil sands of boreal forests in Alberta Canada to Nebraska, then connect with existing infrastructure for transport to refineries on the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the United States economy is dependent on oil, and improving infrastructure for alternative methods of oil production, such as required from the oil sands in Alberta, will promote a stronger economy and result in less dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline project would promote over 42,000 jobs over the two-year construction period, and yield an additional \$3.4 billion to the economy; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the pipeline are shipping by rail or by ship, which would be more dangerous to the environment than a pipeline. As oil costs remain low, the extra rail or shipping costs will be a larger burden for producers, meaning the lack of a pipeline would hurt oil sands production; and

WHEREAS, the United States State Department has concluded that the pipeline would not have a significant impact on emissions; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, United States President Barack Obama vetoed legislation granting approval of the Keystone XL pipeline construction;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives strongly condemns President Barack Obama's veto of the Keystone XL pipeline legislation.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit one copy of

this Resolution to President Barack Obama, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,
Washington, DC 20500.