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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The construction of a federally owned  
2 transcontinental pipeline along the Mexico-United States border  
3 would enable the U.S. to become the world's leading refiner and  
4 distributor of petroleum-based fuels and petrochemical products;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The pipeline system would run from the western coast  
7 of the Mexico-United States border to refineries in the Gulf Coast  
8 regions of Texas and Louisiana, and it would facilitate the  
9 transport of crude oil and liquified petroleum gas (LPG) extracted  
10 from the South China Sea; after refining operations, products such  
11 as gasoline, jet fuel, diesel, fuel oil, and LPG would be shipped to  
12 European markets; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal ownership of the pipeline system would  
14 provide the U.S. with the opportunity to utilize the geography of  
15 the Mexico-United States border without being hindered by state  
16 interference and regulations; in addition, the U.S. would be able  
17 to attach a transport surcharge to all products transported via the  
18 pipeline, which could then be applied to the national debt, and it  
19 could negotiate a portion of that surcharge with Mexico to ensure  
20 that its government enforces security on that side of the border;  
21 the pipeline system would also afford the U.S. the leverage it needs  
22 to encourage and motivate supplier nations, such as Indonesia, the  
23 Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, China, and Vietnam, to maintain  
24 peace in the Pacific Rim region; and

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1       WHEREAS, The proposed pipeline system would yield enormous  
2   benefits for the United States and Mexico, and it would help to  
3   foster peace and prosperity worldwide; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
5   Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby express support for a  
6   federally owned transcontinental pipeline system that runs from the  
7   western coast of the Mexico-United States border to refineries  
8   located along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana.