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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 490

To express the sense of Congress concerning the United States and its dependence on foreign sources of oil.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sense of Congress concerning the United States and its dependence on foreign sources of oil.

Whereas American demand for energy will continue to grow;

Whereas the United States must not continue to rely upon turbulent regions to supply its oil;

Whereas the United States currently imports oil produced by Iraq, a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism;

Whereas American investment in foreign oil markets potentially could help fund terrorist operations;

Whereas national security could be compromised by dealing with countries friendly to terrorist organizations;

Whereas American investment focused on domestic energy production would lessen our dependence on oil from regimes who do not fully cooperate in the war on terrorism;

Whereas renewable fuel sources present unlimited potential for the United States to become self-reliant for our energy needs; and

Whereas a domestic focus on energy exploration and production would create jobs: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3            (1) the United States must systematically re-  
4        duce its reliance on foreign oil sources;

5            (2) the United States must increase domestic  
6        oil exploration and production;

7            (3) the United States must expedite the devel-  
8        opment of alternative fuel sources, particularly eth-  
9        anol and biodiesel;

10           (4) the United States must reevaluate its rela-  
11        tionships with noncooperative, secretive regimes; and

12           (5) our Nation should develop a long overdue  
13        comprehensive energy policy that promotes domestic  
14        energy research and development and provides for  
15        the security and diversity of the American energy  
16        supply.

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