

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The high price of gasoline and natural gas
3 throughout the United States and the electricity crises in
4 the western states during the last year demonstrate that it
5 is time for a national debate on how the United States
6 acquires, distributes, and uses energy resources; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Government needs to develop a
8 comprehensive national energy policy which is based on
9 science, conservation, future needs, and national security;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The President's call for a national energy
12 policy has stressed the importance of a policy that assures
13 both an adequate supply of affordable fuel and reduced
14 reliance on foreign oil sources; and

15 WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in Congress in
16 2001 dealing with energy conservation, environmental
17 regulation and fossil-fuel supplies, and central to the
18 debate over these issues is whether Alaska's Arctic National
19 Wildlife Refuge should be opened to oil exploration; and

20 WHEREAS, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has 20
21 million acres of tundra and is remote and largely untouched;
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23 WHEREAS, The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a
24 pristine natural wonder that is home to 45 species of
25 mammals, 36 types of fish, and more than 160 species of
26 birds; and

27 WHEREAS, Prospecting for oil in wildlife refuges is a
28 debatable proposition, given the risks to this unique
29 environment, and proposals to drill in such areas are no
30 substitute for a boarder energy policy; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we urge the President of the United States to ban any attempt
4 to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil
5 exploration; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 delivered to the President and Vice President of the United
8 States, United States Senators Richard Durbin and Peter
9 Fitzgerald, members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation,
10 the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Speaker of the
11 Illinois House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the
12 Illinois House of Representatives, the President of the
13 Illinois Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Illinois
14 Senate.