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**House Memorial 1**

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To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the price of natural gas in the United States has recently increased to a level that is among the highest in the industrialized world and shows continued volatility; and

Whereas the United States Energy Information Administration predicts a significant increase in the demand for natural gas over the next 25 years; and

Whereas the United States is increasingly reliant on natural gas to form a portion of our country's energy supply and such reliance is creating an imbalance between natural gas supply and demand; and

Whereas higher natural gas costs are passed to consumers in the form of higher home heating bills and more expensive food and goods; and

Whereas volatility in natural gas prices causes disruption in many industries, including the metal treating, chemical, fertilizer, aluminum, plastics, agriculture and steel production industries; and

Whereas the cost of natural gas affects the ability of industries in many sectors to compete in the global marketplace; and

Whereas the solution to the natural gas problem is multifaceted and requires various activities such as increased production, increased energy efficiency, greater energy conservation and increased importation; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The United States Congress is urged to provide for a domestic energy policy that ensures an affordable supply of natural gas and that embraces a concerted national effort to promote greater energy efficiency, increased energy conservation and environmentally responsible natural gas production.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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Adopted by House April 18, 2005

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House