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Expressing support for rural communities across the United States as stewards of the environment, major suppliers of United States energy resources, critical providers of food production and manufacturing capacity, and drivers of national economic stability, and recognizing the work of the House of Representatives in the 119th Congress in support of those vital communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2026

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for rural communities across the United States as stewards of the environment, major suppliers of United States energy resources, critical providers of food production and manufacturing capacity, and drivers of national economic stability, and recognizing the work of the House of Representatives in the 119th Congress in support of those vital communities.

Whereas over 70 percent of lands in the United States are considered rural and nearly 20 percent of the population of the United States lives in rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes that a clean environment and a strong economy are not mutually exclusive;

Whereas rural communities are a critical source of energy production in the United States, producing over 80 percent of the renewable energy produced in the United States and over 60 percent of the coal-generated electricity produced in the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to reform processes under the Clean Air Act for establishing and implementing air quality standards, and for permitting stationary sources of emissions, so that rural areas that experience wildfires or foreign sources of pollution are not disadvantaged and are allowed to continue to grow and create jobs;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to streamline the process for building interstate natural gas pipelines, which will lower the costs of energy for rural communities when it comes to powering their homes and businesses;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide reliable and affordable electricity for rural communities by ensuring that any proposed regulation that impacts the electric grid is addressed appropriately through the Federal regulatory process in order to prevent any compromise of grid reliability;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to prioritize on-demand, dispatchable baseload electricity generation in the interconnection queue, which will strengthen the reliability of the electric grid for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to reduce the costs of home and commercial appliances by rolling back burdensome Biden-Harris regulations;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to remove restrictions on exporting United States liquified natural gas, which will increase economic and employment opportunities for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to preserve hydropower resources for rural communities by requiring transparency in relicensing processes, in order to continue to provide such communities with affordable, baseload electric generation;

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to building a healthier America and advancing policies that bolster health resources for rural communities, incentivize disease research and prevention efforts, and increase access to care across the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide resources to rural communities devastated by the opioid crisis and to crack down on deadly fentanyl analogues;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to work to improve access to health care by expanding telehealth coverage for seniors and providing resources for telehealth in rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to lower patients' insurance premiums by over 11 percent;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed an historic investment in rural health care through the Rural Health Transformation Program, delivering \$50,000,000,000 to

efficiently transform rural health care access, and through cutting waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid and reinvesting those funds directly into the historic Rural Health Transformation Program;

Whereas the Working Families Tax Cuts (Public Law 119–21) created new opportunities for States to expand home and community-based services and improve access to care in rural communities;

Whereas the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) streamlined enrollment processes for eligible out-of-State Medicaid and CHIP providers and improved access to care in rural and underserved communities;

Whereas the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) extended Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments, preserving access to hospital care in rural and underserved communities;

Whereas rural communities are experiencing a resurgence of manufacturing investment and capacity and are the backbone of supply chain resilience across many industries in the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to strengthening the domestic manufacturing industry and generating economic investment;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation strengthening domestic manufacturing and growth to provide significant economic benefit and job creation for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to keep users safe online as more rural communities get connected to high-speed internet and to provide con-

sumers in rural communities significant protections from unsafe products and deceptive practices;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide rural Americans with choice in the vehicles they purchase and drive by eliminating costly and impracticable electric vehicle mandates;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes rural communities are experiencing significant demographic and economic shifts, creating new challenges in an increasingly technologically connected world;

Whereas the House of Representatives unleashed an 800-megahertz spectrum pipeline and reauthorized the spectrum auction authority of the Federal Communications Commission, which will ensure rural communities can get access to new spectrum necessary for 5G and 6G connections; and

Whereas the House of Representatives expedited the process for deploying broadband in rural communities by directing government agencies to prioritize broadband permitting applications: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, through
 2 policies that unleash domestic energy production, enhance
 3 health care quality and access, bolster manufacturing ca-
 4 pacity, and increase broadband connectedness, has dem-
 5 onstrated support for the prosperity and economic growth
 6 of the United States, including especially strengthening
 7 rural communities.

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