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**T. Boone Pickens Statement on Introduction of
H.R. 1835-- the NAT GAS Act of 2009**

Washington, DC, April 1, 2009 – T. Boone Pickens offered the following statement of support for H.R. 1835, the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS) Act, which was introduced today by Congressmen Dan Boren, John Larson, and John Sullivan.

“I applaud Congressmen Boren, Larson, and Sullivan for introducing the NAT GAS Act today. In doing so, they’re showing that a bi-partisan approach to energy policy is not only possible, but do-able.

“America’s national and economic security depends on moving off foreign oil as quickly as possible. Natural gas is the cleanest, most abundant, most economical domestic fuel to replace imported diesel. The U.S. has enough natural gas reserves to last us more than 118 years—we should turn to it as an immediate replacement for foreign oil in fleets and heavy duty vehicles. A battery can’t move an 18-wheeler—the technology isn’t there yet. Natural gas buys us a bridge to the future.

“The NAT GAS Act will provide the immediate incentives and long-term stability for companies to seriously move from imported diesel and gasoline to domestic natural gas. Last month, AT&T announced a program to replace 8,000 vehicles—or one fifth of its fleet—to run on natural gas. I know that this legislation will motivate many others, from major corporations and municipalities operating fleets to individual owner-operators, to choose a truly American fuel at the pump.”

About the Pickens Plan

Unveiled on July 8, 2008 by T. Boone Pickens, the Pickens Plan is a detailed solution for ending the United States’ growing dependence on foreign oil. Earlier this year, when oil prices reached \$140/barrel, America was spending about \$700 billion for foreign oil, equaling the greatest transfer of wealth in human history. That figure has decreased some while oil prices have retreated, but the U.S. is still dependent on foreign nations for nearly 70 percent of its oil, representing a continuing national economic and national security threat. The plan calls for investing in power generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using our

abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of our imported oil.

More than 1,500,000 people have joined the Pickens Army through the website www.pickensplan.com , which has had over 14,000,000 hits. For more information on the Pickens Plan please visit our website.

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