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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, FARNUM, GEYMANN, ROMERO, AND TARVER AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, REESE, AND STINE

MINERALS: Urges and requests the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approvals of liquefied natural gas exports

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending
3	approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.
4	WHEREAS, the oil and natural gas industry has historically provided thousands of
5	high-paying jobs for Louisianans working in production or transportation of oil and natural
6	gas, generating millions of dollars in annual revenue for state and local programs, and
7	decreasing America's dependence on imported oil; and
8	WHEREAS, recent action by the federal government has temporarily paused pending
9	approvals of liquefied natural gas exports; and
10	WHEREAS, a pause on approvals of liquefied natural gas exports will disrupt the
11	global supply chain, causing national security and national defense problems; and
12	WHEREAS, the demand for fuel is not expected to decrease; and
13	WHEREAS, a decrease in world supply of liquefied natural gas would increase costs
14	and hurt vulnerable populations the most; and
15	WHEREAS, contracts for the purchase of liquefied natural gas are long term, with
16	there being a high importance to not interrupt or disrupt long-term contracts, as doing so
17	could destabilize global markets; and
18	WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to the Haynesville Shale, a massive dry natural gas
19	formation in Northwest Louisiana, and is well positioned to capitalize on the demand side
20	of the industry; and

1	WHEREAS, in Louisiana alone, oil and natural gas activities represent twenty-six
2	percent of Louisiana's gross domestic product, and the industry accounts for over \$4 billion
3	in state and local tax revenue; and
4	WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to three of the top eight domestic LNG export
5	terminals with at least three more projects approved and eight more in prefiling or proposed
6	stages; and
7	WHEREAS, the oil and natural gas industry has invested over \$108 billion in
8	greenhouse gas mitigating technologies, contributing to a sharp decline in emission of CO2
9	in the United States; and
10	WHEREAS, from 2000 to 2018 emissions declined sixty-seven percent in the United
11	States relative to oil and gas production; and
12	WHEREAS, in the same period of time, carbon dioxide emissions in the rest of the
13	world increased by twenty-nine percent; and
14	WHEREAS, the 2020 Louisiana Emissions Analysis, published by the Consumer
15	Energy Alliance, a leading voice for sensible energy policies for families and businesses,
16	found that emissions declined by seventy-one percent across the state since 1990; and
17	WHEREAS, during that same period of emissions reduction, Louisiana's gross
18	domestic product surged one hundred seventy-seven percent; and
19	WHEREAS, broad and predictable access to offshore oil and natural gas resources
20	will help support and grow more jobs and activity in Louisiana and the Gulf region, reduce
21	America's reliance on overseas imports, and increase revenues to the state and its localities.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approval
24	of liquefied natural gas exports.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana also expresses its
26	support of America's liquefied natural gas production and exportation to the benefit of
27	American consumers and American workers and allows the inherent economic benefits
28	thereof to be fully realized.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 2 president of the United States, each member of the president's cabinet, and to the members
- 3 of the capitol press corps.

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