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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending
approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

WHEREAS, the oil and natural gas industry has historically provided thousands of
high-paying jobs for Louisianans working in production or transportation of oil and natural
gas, generating millions of dollars in annual revenue for state and local programs, and
decreasing America's dependence on imported oil; and

WHEREAS, recent action by the federal government has temporarily paused pending
approvals of liquefied natural gas exports; and

WHEREAS, a pause on approvals of liquefied natural gas exports will disrupt the
global supply chain, causing national security and national defense problems; and

WHEREAS, the demand for fuel is not expected to decrease; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in world supply of liquefied natural gas would increase costs
and hurt vulnerable populations the most; and

WHEREAS, contracts for the purchase of liquefied natural gas are long term, with
there being a high importance to not interrupt or disrupt long-term contracts, as doing so
could destabilize global markets; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to the Haynesville Shale, a massive dry natural gas
formation in Northwest Louisiana, and is well positioned to capitalize on the demand side
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 pre-filing 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.

DIGEST

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