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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

MINERALS. Requests the United States Department of Energy to carefully consider the benefits of liquid natural gas exports.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Energy to recognize the global benefits of liquefied natural gas exports.

WHEREAS, liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports play a vital role in the global energy market, fostering economic growth, enhancing energy security, and promoting environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana, as a leading producer of natural gas, has significantly contributed to the growth of LNG exports, thereby bolstering the state's economy and supporting job creation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) plays a crucial role in regulating LNG exports and granting export permits, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, any pause or delay in LNG export permits could have serious consequences for Louisiana's economy, as well as for the broader energy landscape, impacting global energy security and geopolitical stability; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is proudly home to three of the top eight domestic LNG export terminals, with at least three more projects approved, and eight more in pre-filing or proposed stages; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's LNG export terminal facilities carry 8.31 billion cubic feet per day, with more than double that capacity planned to occur over the next few years; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana LNG exports ensure the energy needs of our international allies are met without a threat to their national security and in a manner that will help our customers achieve their climate goals; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the DOE to consider the broad, global benefits of LNG exports, including their role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through displacing coal in electricity generation and providing cleaner energy options to countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the importance of maintaining a stable and predictable regulatory environment for LNG exports to continue supporting economic growth, job creation, and energy security both domestically and internationally.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Department of Energy to carefully consider the broad, global benefits of LNG exports and the serious consequences of any pause or delay in LNG export permits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation of the United States Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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