

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Expediting liquefied natural gas exports will spur
2 the advancement of a vital industry that promotes the prosperity
3 and security of our state and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Improved technologies and abundant resources have
5 allowed America to overtake Saudi Arabia and Russia as the world's
6 leading natural gas producer; however, while the combination of
7 hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling provides access to
8 enough domestic natural gas to last for at least a century, efforts
9 to export the fuel are hampered by an antiquated and expensive
10 permitting approval process that can take three years or longer;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Today, Russia is the largest source of natural gas
13 for Ukraine and most of our European allies, and the Russian
14 president, Vladimir Putin, has become increasingly aggressive in
15 his drive to increase his nation's share of the Asian market; in
16 response to these issues and to Russian military escalation in
17 Ukraine, calls have been made for the United States to streamline
18 the approval process for LNG export project applications; and

19 WHEREAS, By eliminating red tape in the U.S. Department of
20 Energy, the United States can offer greater energy security to its
21 allies and weaken Russia's position on the world stage; moreover,
22 Japan and Europe are among the most lucrative LNG markets, and
23 helping to meet their energy needs will strengthen existing
24 relationships while boosting our economy, creating high-paying

1 jobs, and encouraging more drilling and construction of LNG export
2 infrastructure in the United States, thereby further promoting
3 economic growth; and

4 WHEREAS, American innovation in the energy industry has
5 already led to tremendous job and revenue growth, but the nation has
6 not yet taken full advantage of the potential of its natural
7 resources and advanced technology; by bringing the LNG permitting
8 process into the 21st century, the United States will realize
9 tremendous economic and geopolitical gains; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to
12 expedite the permitting process for the export of liquefied natural
13 gas; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
15 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
16 president of the United States, to the U.S. secretary of commerce,
17 to the U.S. secretary of energy, to the president of the Senate and
18 the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
19 Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress
20 with the request that this resolution be entered in the
21 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
22 States of America.