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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The efficient exploration, production, and transportation of oil in Texas prevents waste of the state's natural resources, contributes to the health, welfare, and safety of the general public, and promotes the prosperity of the state; and

WHEREAS, The tax revenues and economic prosperity deriving from this Texas energy renaissance have greatly benefited Texas public schools, higher education, critical infrastructure development, and public health and safety programs; and

WHEREAS, Improved technologies and abundant resources have made America the world's leading oil and natural gas producer, overtaking Saudi Arabia and Russia; and

WHEREAS, The 1970s-era federal law prohibiting crude oil exports is a relic from an era of scarcity and flawed price control policies; and

WHEREAS, Allowing American crude oil exports will strengthen United States geopolitical influence by giving our trading partners a more secure source of supply, and allowing the export of American crude oil will make our allies less dependent on crude oil from Russia and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, The world's other major developed nations allow crude oil exports, making America the only nation that does not take full advantage of trading a valuable resource in what is an otherwise global free market; and

1       WHEREAS, Crude oil exports will benefit America's national  
2 security interests by decreasing the likelihood that global oil  
3 supply can be used internationally as a strategic weapon; and

4       WHEREAS, Numerous studies have found that allowing American  
5 crude oil into the world's free market will benefit United States  
6 trade and American consumers while creating more high-paying jobs  
7 for Texans to fill; and

8       WHEREAS, According to an analysis by the American Petroleum  
9 Institute, Texas will lead all states in job growth following the  
10 repeal of the ban, with an estimated 40,291 jobs by 2020; and

11       WHEREAS, Other studies have similarly found tremendous  
12 prospective GDP growth from lifting the 1970s-era ban; and

13       WHEREAS, The United States is the largest exporter of refined  
14 petroleum products and would benefit even more substantially from  
15 the export of both crude oil and refined petroleum products; and

16       WHEREAS, At least seven independent studies have confirmed  
17 that repealing the ban on American crude oil exports will lower gas  
18 prices in the United States, benefiting Texas consumers and  
19 businesses; and

20       WHEREAS, Thousands of small and large Texas businesses that  
21 support oil and gas development will benefit from ongoing  
22 production; and

23       WHEREAS, Manufacturers will benefit from less volatility in  
24 energy costs; and

25       WHEREAS, The technology and brainpower behind the American  
26 energy renaissance was mostly pioneered in Texas by Texans; and

27       WHEREAS, Encouraging a global marketplace that is more free

1 from artificial barriers will better allow the export of Texas  
2 leadership and expertise, which will also ultimately economically  
3 benefit Texas, the rest of the United States, and our friends around  
4 the world; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby urge the United States Congress and the president of the  
7 United States to recognize that crude oil exports and free trade are  
8 in the national interest and take all necessary steps to eliminate  
9 the current ban on crude oil exports; and, be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
12 the United States secretary of commerce, to the United States  
13 secretary of energy, to the majority leader of the Senate and the  
14 speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States  
15 Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress  
16 with the request that this resolution be entered in the  
17 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United  
18 States of America.