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 1-4 Economic Development; March 11, 2015, reported favorably by the
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, The efficient exploration, production, and
 1-21 transportation of oil in Texas prevents waste of the state's
 1-22 natural resources, contributes to the health, welfare, and safety
 1-23 of the general public, and promotes the prosperity of the state; and
 1-24 WHEREAS, The tax revenues and economic prosperity deriving
 1-25 from this Texas energy renaissance have greatly benefited Texas
 1-26 public schools, higher education, critical infrastructure
 1-27 development, and public health and safety programs; and
 1-28 WHEREAS, Improved technologies and abundant resources have
 1-29 made America the world's leading oil and natural gas producer,
 1-30 overtaking Saudi Arabia and Russia; and
 1-31 WHEREAS, The 1970s-era federal law prohibiting crude oil
 1-32 exports is a relic from an era of scarcity and flawed price control
 1-33 policies; and
 1-34 WHEREAS, Allowing American crude oil exports will strengthen
 1-35 United States geopolitical influence by giving our trading partners
 1-36 a more secure source of supply, and allowing the export of American
 1-37 crude oil will make our allies less dependent on crude oil from
 1-38 Russia and the Middle East; and
 1-39 WHEREAS, The world's other major developed nations allow
 1-40 crude oil exports, making America the only nation that does not take
 1-41 full advantage of trading a valuable resource in what is an
 1-42 otherwise global free market; and
 1-43 WHEREAS, Crude oil exports will benefit America's national
 1-44 security interests by decreasing the likelihood that global oil
 1-45 supply can be used internationally as a strategic weapon; and
 1-46 WHEREAS, Numerous studies have found that allowing American
 1-47 crude oil into the world's free market will benefit United States
 1-48 trade and American consumers while creating more high-paying jobs
 1-49 for Texans to fill; and
 1-50 WHEREAS, According to an analysis by the American Petroleum
 1-51 Institute, Texas will lead all states in job growth following the
 1-52 repeal of the ban, with an estimated 40,291 jobs by 2020; and
 1-53 WHEREAS, Other studies have similarly found tremendous
 1-54 prospective GDP growth from lifting the 1970s-era ban; and
 1-55 WHEREAS, The United States is the largest exporter of refined
 1-56 petroleum products and would benefit even more substantially from
 1-57 the export of both crude oil and refined petroleum products; and
 1-58 WHEREAS, At least seven independent studies have confirmed
 1-59 that repealing the ban on American crude oil exports will lower gas
 1-60 prices in the United States, benefiting Texas consumers and
 1-61 businesses; and

2-1 WHEREAS, Thousands of small and large Texas businesses that
2-2 support oil and gas development will benefit from ongoing
2-3 production; and

2-4 WHEREAS, Manufacturers will benefit from less volatility in
2-5 energy costs; and

2-6 WHEREAS, The technology and brainpower behind the American
2-7 energy renaissance was mostly pioneered in Texas by Texans; and

2-8 WHEREAS, Encouraging a global marketplace that is more free
2-9 from artificial barriers will better allow the export of Texas
2-10 leadership and expertise, which will also ultimately economically
2-11 benefit Texas, the rest of the United States, and our friends around
2-12 the world; now, therefore, be it

2-13 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-14 hereby urge the United States Congress and the president of the
2-15 United States to recognize that crude oil exports and free trade are
2-16 in the national interest and take all necessary steps to eliminate
2-17 the current ban on crude oil exports; and, be it further

2-18 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
2-19 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
2-20 the United States secretary of commerce, to the United States
2-21 secretary of energy, to the majority leader of the Senate and the
2-22 speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
2-23 Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress
2-24 with the request that this resolution be entered in the
2-25 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
2-26 States of America.

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