

1-1 By: Estes S.C.R. No. 26
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2017; March 7, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &
 1-4 Economic Development; March 30, 2017, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; March 30, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature recognizes that this period in
 1-21 our nation's history represents an opportunity for Texas to work
 1-22 with the leadership of the federal government to transcend partisan
 1-23 politics and correct misuses of federal regulatory power that have
 1-24 threatened the Texas oil and gas industry, the jobs it creates, and
 1-25 the economy of the state; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Texas oil and gas fields have provided a pathway
 1-27 toward American energy independence from foreign powers, have
 1-28 afforded financial security to hundreds of thousands of individuals
 1-29 in Texas, and have delivered safe and reliable energy to fuel our
 1-30 nation's economy; and

1-31 WHEREAS, During the past eight years, the federal government
 1-32 has promulgated regulations that jeopardize the productivity of the
 1-33 oil and gas fields of Texas; and

1-34 WHEREAS, New federal regulations have been proposed and
 1-35 implemented despite the protests of Texas and many other oil and gas
 1-36 producing states, resulting in overregulation that prioritizes
 1-37 minor environmental gains over major productive losses; and

1-38 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has joined many other oil and gas
 1-39 producing states to file more than 20 lawsuits against federal
 1-40 overreach; now, therefore, be it

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-42 hereby respectfully urge the executive branch and the Congress of
 1-43 the United States to work in conjunction with the State of Texas to
 1-44 identify federal regulations promulgated during the last eight
 1-45 years, especially those promulgated under the authority of the
 1-46 United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States
 1-47 Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of
 1-48 Energy, and determine whether they should be revised, delegated to
 1-49 state agencies, or eliminated in order to ease the overly
 1-50 burdensome regulatory patchwork on the oil and gas industry in
 1-51 Texas; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-53 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-54 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
 1-55 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-56 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-57 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-58 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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