

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The price of natural gas in the United States is
3 among the highest in the industrial world and continues to show
4 great volatility; and

5 WHEREAS, Abnormally high natural gas prices have been an
6 unanticipated burden on the economy of the United States over the
7 past 18 months; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States is reliant on natural gas in our
9 national energy supply, and forecasts predict a future imbalance
10 between natural gas supply and demand; and

11 WHEREAS, Manufacturers, farmers, small businesses, local
12 governments, and retailers are struggling from the uncertainty in
13 natural gas prices, and thousands of jobs are threatened because
14 many businesses use natural gas as a raw material as well as a
15 source of energy; and

16 WHEREAS, The natural gas imbalance is not a free-market
17 problem; the high price of natural gas is created by governmental
18 policies that increase demand for natural gas while impeding the
19 development of a greater supply of natural gas by discouraging more
20 exploration and production; and

21 WHEREAS, The United States needs policies to encourage and
22 ensure the safe and efficient domestic production and importation
23 of natural gas; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Texas supports a sound, rational

1 domestic energy policy; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact
4 legislation in the 109th Congress establishing a domestic energy
5 policy that will ensure an adequate supply of natural gas, the
6 appropriate infrastructure, and a concerted national effort to
7 promote greater energy efficiency and that will open promising new
8 areas for environmentally responsible natural gas production; and,
9 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 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
13 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
14 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
15 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

David Swihurst
President of the Senate

Tom Coburn
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2005.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2005.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

18 JUNE '05

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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Roger Williams
Secretary of State