

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1                    WHEREAS, Texas is the largest consumer of natural gas in the  
2 nation and the largest exporter of natural gas to other states; and

3                    WHEREAS, Almost 60 percent of the homes in the United States  
4 use natural gas; and

5                    WHEREAS, Texas should be at the forefront in the race to  
6 secure the country's access to other nations' abundant and cheaper  
7 supplies of natural gas, the most environmentally friendly fuel, by  
8 the importation of liquefied natural gas to Texas receiving  
9 terminals; and  
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11                   WHEREAS, Our country's lack of access to adequate supplies of  
12 natural gas, which is a threat to our economy, has been underscored  
13 repeatedly by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in speeches  
14 and testimony before the Congress of the United States as the  
15 nation's manufacturing and power industries continue to lose jobs  
16 and consumers nationwide face escalating energy bills; and

17                   WHEREAS, Current natural gas prices and insufficient supply  
18 have been detrimental to industries based in Texas; and

19                   WHEREAS, Analysts expect continued high natural gas prices,  
20 and liquefied natural gas imports have the potential to reduce and  
21 stabilize natural gas prices; and

22                   WHEREAS, Lower energy prices will create and retain jobs in  
23 this state; and

24                   WHEREAS, It is necessary to develop liquefied natural gas

1 receiving terminals in the State of Texas in order for Texas to  
2 remain the leader in the natural gas industry and maintain a healthy  
3 business and industrial environment; and

4 WHEREAS, The development of liquefied natural gas receiving  
5 terminals in Texas will benefit the people of Texas and the nation;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 4th Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Federal Energy  
9 Regulatory Commission to expeditiously consider, approve, and  
10 permit applications for liquefied natural gas receiving terminals  
11 in the State of Texas; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward copies of  
13 this resolution to the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory  
14 Commission and to all the members of the Texas congressional  
15 delegation.