

1-1 By: Armbrister S.C.R. No. 4
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1-3 time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources; May 14, 2004,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
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1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Texas is the largest consumer of natural gas in the
1-8 nation and the largest exporter of natural gas to other states; and

1-9 WHEREAS, Almost 60 percent of the homes in the United States
1-10 use natural gas; and

1-11 WHEREAS, Texas should be at the forefront in the race to
1-12 secure the country's access to other nations' abundant and cheaper
1-13 supplies of natural gas, the most environmentally friendly fuel, by
1-14 the importation of liquefied natural gas to Texas receiving
1-15 terminals; and

1-16 WHEREAS, Our country's lack of access to adequate supplies of
1-17 natural gas, which is a threat to our economy, has been underscored
1-18 repeatedly by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in speeches
1-19 and testimony before the Congress of the United States as the
1-20 nation's manufacturing and power industries continue to lose jobs
1-21 and consumers nationwide face escalating energy bills; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Current natural gas prices and insufficient supply
1-23 have been detrimental to industries based in Texas; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Analysts expect continued high natural gas prices,
1-25 and liquefied natural gas imports have the potential to reduce and
1-26 stabilize natural gas prices; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Lower energy prices will create and retain jobs in
1-28 this state; and

1-29 WHEREAS, It is necessary to develop liquefied natural gas
1-30 receiving terminals in the State of Texas in order for Texas to
1-31 remain the leader in the natural gas industry and maintain a healthy
1-32 business and industrial environment; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The development of liquefied natural gas receiving
1-34 terminals in Texas will benefit the people of Texas and the nation;
1-35 now, therefore, be it

1-36 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
1-37 4th Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Federal Energy
1-38 Regulatory Commission to expeditiously consider, approve, and
1-39 permit applications for liquefied natural gas receiving terminals
1-40 in the State of Texas; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward copies of
1-42 this resolution to the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory
1-43 Commission and to all the members of the Texas congressional
1-44 delegation.

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