

1-1 By: Armbrister S.R. No. 108  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 5, 2004; May 10, 2004, read first  
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 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 Senate of the State of Texas, 78th  
1-37 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the  
1-38 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expeditiously consider,  
1-39 approve, and permit applications for liquefied natural gas  
1-40 receiving terminals in the State of Texas; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate 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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