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H.C.R. No. 96

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Energy demands in Texas are expected to increase by
2 more than 30 percent in the next 20 years, and liquefied natural gas
3 (LNG) will be a key component in enabling the Texas energy industry
4 to keep pace with those rising demands, provided the state develops
5 LNG receiving terminals to enhance the delivery capacity in and
6 outside the state; and

7 WHEREAS, Texas is the leading producer and consumer of
8 domestic natural gas, and developing LNG receiving terminals is
9 essential for Texas to maintain leadership in the natural gas
10 industry and thereby enhance the state's economic development
11 opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, All power plants built in Texas during the past five
13 years are fueled by natural gas and have created a surge in the
14 demand for imported natural gas to supplement Texas' supply; and

15 WHEREAS, Texas is favorably positioned to become a national
16 hub in the LNG storage and delivery network; and

17 WHEREAS, The development of LNG receiving terminals benefits
18 the people of Texas by creating jobs, making natural gas more
19 affordable for Texans, and increasing the amount of LNG that Texas
20 can market to the rest of the country; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby declare its support for the development of liquefied natural
23 gas receiving terminals and encourage the owners of these
24 facilities to allow direct market access to throughput capacity to

1 ensure that all Texas consumers benefit; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the legislature express its support of plans
3 to augment domestic natural gas supply with competitively priced
4 LNG-derived gas; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the legislature encourage public utility
6 companies to include LNG-derived natural gas or electric power in
7 their supply portfolio and discourage any new taxes or economic
8 barriers on LNG facilities or supplies from 2005-2015 to stimulate
9 the development of the industry segment.