

1                   SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor