

1-1 By: Fraser S.C.R. No. 6  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2005; March 2, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
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1-5 Nays 0; March 9, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The price of natural gas in the United States is  
1-8 among the highest in the industrial world and continues to show  
1-9 great volatility; and

1-10 WHEREAS, Abnormally high natural gas prices have been an  
1-11 unanticipated burden on the economy of the United States over the  
1-12 past 18 months; and

1-13 WHEREAS, The United States is reliant on natural gas in our  
1-14 national energy supply, and forecasts predict a future imbalance  
1-15 between natural gas supply and demand; and

1-16 WHEREAS, Manufacturers, farmers, small businesses, local  
1-17 governments, and retailers are struggling from the uncertainty in  
1-18 natural gas prices, and thousands of jobs are threatened because  
1-19 many businesses use natural gas as a raw material as well as a  
1-20 source of energy; and

1-21 WHEREAS, The natural gas imbalance is not a free-market  
1-22 problem; the high price of natural gas is created by governmental  
1-23 policies that increase demand for natural gas while impeding the  
1-24 development of a greater supply of natural gas by discouraging more  
1-25 exploration and production; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The United States needs policies to encourage and  
1-27 ensure the safe and efficient domestic production and importation  
1-28 of natural gas; and

1-29 WHEREAS, The State of Texas supports a sound, rational  
1-30 domestic energy policy; now, therefore, be it

1-31 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-32 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact  
1-33 legislation in the 109th Congress establishing a domestic energy  
1-34 policy that will ensure an adequate supply of natural gas, the  
1-35 appropriate infrastructure, and a concerted national effort to  
1-36 promote greater energy efficiency and that will open promising new  
1-37 areas for environmentally responsible natural gas production; and,  
1-38 be it further

1-39 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-40 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
1-41 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
1-42 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
1-43 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
1-44 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
1-45 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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