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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 22, 2017, is the first Texas Energy Day at the
2 State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas leads the United States in oil and natural gas
4 production, refining capacity, and pipeline miles, all of which
5 contribute to an unprecedented level of American energy security;
6 in 2016, the country's net imports of crude oil hit a 20-year low,
7 and in fiscal year 2016, the industry generated \$9.4 billion in
8 taxes and royalties that directly fund our schools, roads, and
9 emergency services; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Texas oil and natural gas companies are leading
11 the way in developing new technologies designed to reduce water
12 use, expand water reuse, and increase the use of naturally
13 occurring salt water in their operations; and

14 WHEREAS, Thanks to additional innovation and advances in
15 technology, carbon dioxide emissions associated with energy
16 production dropped 12 percent between 2005 and 2015, and today,
17 natural gas production has one of the smallest carbon footprints of
18 traditional fuel sources; moreover, although oil and natural gas
19 production have increased, methane levels have remained flat as
20 companies continuously work to reduce emissions; and

21 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are used to make 96 percent of
22 products and materials that we use every day, including plastics,
23 medicines, computers, and more, and the Lone Star State is a vital
24 contributor to the nation's global energy leadership; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 22, 2017, as Texas Energy Day at
4 the State Capitol and extend to the visitors associated with
5 today's event sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
6 stay in Austin.