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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature recognizes that this period in 3 our nation's history represents an opportunity for Texas to work 4 with the leadership of the federal government to transcend partisan 5 politics and correct misuses of federal regulatory power that have 6 threatened the Texas oil and gas industry, the jobs it creates, and 7 the economy of the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Texas oil and gas fields have provided a pathway 9 toward American energy independence from foreign powers, have 10 afforded financial security to hundreds of thousands of individuals 11 in Texas, and have delivered safe and reliable energy to fuel our 12 nation's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, During the past eight years, the federal government 14 has promulgated regulations that jeopardize the productivity of the 15 oil and gas fields of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, New federal regulations have been proposed and 17 implemented despite the protests of Texas and many other oil and gas 18 producing states, resulting in overregulation that prioritizes 19 minor environmental gains over major productive losses; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has joined many other oil and gas 21 producing states to file more than 20 lawsuits against federal 22 overreach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
hereby respectfully urge the executive branch and the Congress of

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the United States to work in conjunction with the State of Texas to 1 2 identify federal regulations promulgated during the last eight years, especially those promulgated under the authority of the 3 4 United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of 5 Energy, and determine whether they should be revised, delegated to 6 7 state agencies, or eliminated in order to ease the overly burdensome regulatory patchwork on the oil and gas industry in 8 9 Texas; and, 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 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of 13 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the 14 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that 15 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a 16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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