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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud supporters of energy independence are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Texas Energy Day at the State
3 Capitol on February 20, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas is the number one state in the U.S. for oil and
5 natural gas production, refining capacity, and pipeline miles;
6 moreover, the state has played an important part in helping our
7 nation become the world's leader in oil and gas production, which
8 has created an unprecedented level of American energy security; the
9 oil and gas industry also contributes greatly to the economic
10 well-being of the state by providing high-paying jobs, and in 2018
11 it generated more than \$14 billion in taxes and royalties that
12 helped fund such essential infrastructure as schools, roads, and
13 emergency services; and

14 WHEREAS, The state's preeminent role in energy production has
15 been furthered through the use of fracking and other innovative
16 processes; many Texas oil and natural gas companies are leading the
17 way in developing new technologies designed to reduce water use,
18 expand water reuse, and increase the use of naturally occurring
19 salt water in their operations; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of advances in technology, carbon dioxide
21 emissions in the United States are at the lowest levels in 20 years,
22 and today, natural gas production has the smallest carbon footprint
23 compared to all other traditional fuel sources; moreover, even
24 though oil and natural gas production have skyrocketed, methane

1 emissions from the industry are down 14 percent; and

2 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are used to make 96 percent of
3 products and materials that we use every day, including plastics,
4 medicines, computers, and more, and the Lone Star State is a vital
5 contributor to the nation's global energy leadership; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2019, as Texas Energy Day
9 at the State Capitol and extend to all those taking part in the
10 event sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit to
11 Austin.