

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 226

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas leads the nation in oil and natural gas production, pipeline miles, and refining capacity and has contributed greatly to the achievement of an unprecedented level of American energy security; and

**WHEREAS**, The oil and natural gas industry creates high-paying jobs and generates revenue in taxes and royalties that directly fund our schools, roads, and emergency services; this revenue amounted to over \$14 billion in fiscal year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Proud energy supporters are celebrating Texas Energy Day at the Capitol on February 20, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Many Texas oil and natural gas companies are developing new technologies that reduce water use, expand water reuse, and increase the use of naturally occurring salt water, or brackish water, in their operations; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of innovation and advances in technology and expanded use of natural gas for electricity, carbon dioxide emissions in the United States are at the lowest levels in 20 years, and today, natural gas production has the smallest carbon footprint of all traditional fuel sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Even as oil and natural gas production in Texas has skyrocketed, methane emissions from oil and natural gas systems are down 14 percent as oil and natural gas companies continuously work to reduce emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Oil and natural gas are used to make 96 percent of the products and materials that we use every day, including plastics, medicines, computers, and life-saving devices; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, Texas is the nation's top producer of oil and natural gas, and the United States is the world's leader in oil and natural gas production; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize February 20, 2019, as Texas Energy Day at the Capitol and extend to all who have come to celebrate this day best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate