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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud supporters of energy independence are  
2 celebrating Texas Energy Day at the State Capitol on March 24, 2021;  
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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 2020  
11 it generated nearly \$14 billion in taxes and royalties that helped  
12 fund such essential infrastructure as schools, roads, and emergency  
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2020, Texas school districts received more than  
15 \$2 billion in property taxes from mineral properties producing oil  
16 and natural gas, pipelines, and gas utilities, and Texas counties  
17 received \$688.4 million; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Because of advances in technology, carbon dioxide

1 emissions in the United States are at the lowest levels in nearly  
2 three decades, and today, natural gas production has the smallest  
3 carbon footprint compared to all other traditional fuel sources;  
4 according to the Railroad Commission of Texas, the percentage of  
5 natural gas flared out of all the natural gas produced in Texas  
6 decreased by 67 percent between June 2019 and August 2020, with less  
7 than one percent of the natural gas produced in Texas flared or  
8 vented; further, even though oil and natural gas production have  
9 skyrocketed, methane emissions from the industry are down 23  
10 percent since 1990; and

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 24, 2021, as Texas Energy Day at  
18 the State Capitol and extend to all those participating in the event  
19 sincere best wishes for the future.