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H.C.R. No. 17

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The United States and Israel have a long history of  
2 being strong allies, sharing many mutually beneficial values and  
3 interests; and

4 WHEREAS, Europe needs additional sources of natural gas, and  
5 the United States has repeatedly urged Europe to wean itself off  
6 Russian natural gas and to pursue broader interests in the Middle  
7 East; and

8 WHEREAS, The proposed Eastern Mediterranean gas pipeline,  
9 which would connect the natural gas fields of Israel to southern  
10 Europe by way of Cyprus and Greece, has previously had bipartisan  
11 support in the United States; as vice president under Barack Obama,  
12 Joe Biden was a vocal supporter of the project, and in 2020, with  
13 the backing of former president Donald Trump's administration,  
14 Israel, Cyprus, and Greece signed an agreement aiming to complete  
15 the \$6 billion pipeline by 2025; and

16 WHEREAS, In January 2022, President Joe Biden informed the  
17 countries that the United States was withdrawing its support for  
18 the project, citing environmental concerns as his administration  
19 attempts to move away from fossil fuels; and

20 WHEREAS, Natural gas is an important low-emissions fuel for  
21 improving human life, and Israel has abundant natural gas reserves  
22 offshore, in excess of what is needed for its own domestic use; the  
23 completion of the Eastern Mediterranean gas pipeline from Israel to  
24 southern Europe would be a benefit to the region and to all of the

1 countries involved in the project; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
3 2nd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the federal government  
4 to support construction of the Eastern Mediterranean gas pipeline;  
5 and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
7 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
8 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
10 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
11 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
12 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.