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H.R. No. 147

R E S O L U T I O N

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

6 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the House 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.