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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

ENERGY PRODUCTION: Memorializes congress to end the outer continental shelf moratorium on oil and natural gas exploration and production

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to end the
3	outer continental shelf moratorium on oil and natural gas exploration and production
4	and give coastal states the authority to determine whether offshore drilling should
5	be permitted along their coasts.
6	WHEREAS, all Americans are suffering from record high energy prices; and
7	WHEREAS, a federal legislative moratorium prohibits oil and natural gas drilling,
8	exploration, and production on the outer continental shelf (OCS); and
9	WHEREAS, coastal states should have the right to determine on their own whether
10	such drilling, exploration, and production should be permitted along their coasts; and
11	WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Interior, there are an
12	estimated eighty-six billion barrels worth of oil and four hundred twenty trillion cubic feet
13	of natural gas on the OCS; and
14	WHEREAS, congress should eliminate policies, such as the OCS moratorium, which
15	artificially limit oil and natural gas supply and thereby increases energy prices; and
16	WHEREAS, lower energy costs and more reliable energy markets in the United
17	States would promote economic growth and prosperity; and
18	WHEREAS, coastal states would share in significant revenue from OCS leases; and
19	WHEREAS, offshore oil drilling would lead to significant job growth for coastal
20	communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has stated "advanced, more 2 energy efficient drilling production methods practically eliminate spills from offshore 3 platforms". 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 5 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to end the 6 outer continental shelf moratorium on oil and natural gas exploration and production and 7 give coastal states the authority to determine whether offshore drilling should be permitted 8 along their coasts. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the

United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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