

1 WHEREAS, the GOMESA revenues fund vital coastal protection and restoration
2 programs as set forth by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's Master Plan for
3 a Sustainable Coast; and

4 WHEREAS, an Obama Administration report from the Bureau of Ocean Energy
5 Management analyzing the effects of offshore leasing restrictions found that United
6 States greenhouse gas emissions would be little affected and would increase globally in the
7 absence of new offshore leasing due to increased foreign imports; and

8 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico has the lowest carbon intensity in the world in terms
9 of emissions, other than Saudi Arabia, and would be lower than Saudi imports, with
10 1,274,450 barrels of oil or 62 percent of all 2021 Gulf of Mexico deepwater production
11 being produced by a public corporation with an existing net zero pledge; and

12 WHEREAS, the oil and natural gas industry has invested over \$108 billion in
13 greenhouse gas mitigating technologies contributing to a sharp decline in emission of CO2
14 in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, from 2000 to 2018, emissions declined 67 percent in the United States
16 relative to oil and gas production; and

17 WHEREAS, in the same period the of time, carbon dioxide emissions in the rest of
18 the world increased by 29 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2020 Louisiana Emissions Analysis, published by the Consumer
20 Energy Alliance, a leading voice for sensible energy policies for families and businesses,
21 found that emissions declined by 71 percent across the state since 1990; and

22 WHEREAS, during that same period of emissions reduction, Louisiana's gross
23 domestic product surged 177 percent; and

24 WHEREAS, pipeline transportation provides a consumer-friendly and intrinsically
25 safer mode of transportation compared to others that have higher emissions; and

26 WHEREAS, restricting pipeline development results in higher costs to consumers
27 and higher transportation emissions; and

28 WHEREAS, because projections show energy demand will continue to rise,
29 restricting development on federal lands and waters is nothing more than an "import more

1 oil" policy forcing the United States to rely on imports from sometimes hostile foreign
2 countries with lower environmental standards; and

3 WHEREAS, broad and predictable access to offshore oil and natural gas resources
4 will help support and grow more jobs and activity in Louisiana and the Gulf region, reduce
5 America's reliance on overseas imports, and increase revenues to the state and its localities.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the administration of President Biden to immediately end its pause on
8 offshore oil and natural gas leasing and allow for the continued exploration, development,
9 and production of oil and natural gas resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana also expresses its
11 support for the ongoing development of America's superior pipeline transportation network
12 to the benefit of American consumers and American workers and allow the inherent
13 economic benefits thereof to be fully realized.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 president of the United States, each member of the president's cabinet, and to the members
16 of the capitol press corps.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Biden administration to end the pause on offshore oil and gas leasing while supporting development of the pipeline transportation network for the benefit of American consumers and workers.