

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

5 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico has the lowest carbon intensity in the world in terms
6 of emissions, other than Saudi Arabia, and would be lower than Saudi imports, with
7 1,274,450 barrels of oil or 62 percent of all 2021 Gulf of Mexico deepwater production
8 being produced by a public corporation with an existing net zero pledge; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, restricting pipeline development results in higher costs to consumers
24 and higher transportation emissions; and

25 WHEREAS, because projections show energy demand will continue to rise,
26 restricting development on federal lands and waters is nothing more than an "import more
27 oil" policy forcing the United States to rely on imports from sometimes hostile foreign
28 countries with lower environmental standards; and

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE