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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS AND SENATOR ALARIO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 27, 2016, as the fourth annual Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, plentiful natural gas supplies and unprecedented advances in technology have provided a historic opportunity for the United States to achieve energy self-sufficiency while creating jobs and wealth for our economy; and

WHEREAS, pioneering exploration and extraction methods have opened vast natural gas resources to development in areas such as the Haynesville Shale so that demand on United States natural gas markets can grow with little impact on domestic prices; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy estimates natural gas production levels will increase by fifty-five percent by the year 2040; this is a growth trend that can support domestic demand while allowing the United States to capitalize on the economic benefit of exporting abundant natural gas to other nations; and

WHEREAS, expanding markets for United States natural gas is also consistent with national trade and security policy because failure to expand liquefied natural gas exports would force our allies to continue to rely on regimes that are hostile to United States' interests for their energy needs; and

WHEREAS, global demand for liquefied natural gas is expected to increase significantly over the next two decades, with Louisiana gas poised to play a major role in meeting such demand; and

WHEREAS, liquefied natural gas exports will create tens of thousands of construction and operations jobs in the state of Louisiana and will support fifty thousand jobs; and

WHEREAS, liquefied natural gas exports could provide incentives for new infrastructure investments worth billions of dollars and generate royalties and local tax revenues in communities across the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of Louisiana LNG producers, energy and petroleum companies, business groups, service companies, and others have expressed their support for LNG exports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 27, 2016, as the fourth annual Liquefied Natural Gas Day at the state capitol and does hereby express support for the efforts of "Our Energy Moment", a nonprofit, grassroots organization with the mission of supporting the exports of natural gas and educating the public and policy leaders on the benefits that LNG exports will bring to the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to members of the United States Congress as an expression of the Legislature of Louisiana's support of liquefied natural gas exports and the streamlining and expediting of permit approval for pending export facilities so that the economic benefits of LNG exports can be magnified throughout the state of Louisiana as well as the United States.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE