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House Resolution No. 12

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Scott Pruitt is an ideal nominee to lead the Environmental Protection
2 Agency because as a state attorney general he has witnessed the real world consequences of the
3 agency's unconstitutional overreach, and he has been a leader in working to restore the
4 Environmental Protection Agency to its original, lawful mission; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has earned bipartisan respect and recognition during his tenure
7 as Oklahoma Attorney General by demonstrating an expertise in constitutional law and the
8 federal regulatory system, in addition to his willingness to take on tough fights on behalf of
9 Oklahoma; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, like President Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt is committed to clean air and
12 clean water, and to faithfully enforcing the environmental laws written by Congress. At the
13 direction of President Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt will restore a thoughtful balance to the
14 Environmental Protection Agency and will seek to preserve the environment in a responsible
15 manner that will not unduly sacrifice our nation's economic well-being to appease the extreme
16 left; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has a long record of environmental protection in Oklahoma as
19 the state's Attorney General. He negotiated a historic water rights settlement with Native
20 American tribes that preserved the ecosystems of scenic lakes and rivers; he worked with his
21 Democrat counterpart in Arkansas to reduce pollution in the Illinois River; and he represented
22 the interests of Oklahomans in rate cases against utility companies and in numerous actions
23 against those who contaminated his state's air and water, including lawsuits against oil and gas
24 companies that were profiting off pollution and defrauding taxpayers; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, for too long, the Environmental Protection Agency has overreached and
27 sought aggressive measures that have achieved little environmental protection but have
28 devastated economies and destroyed jobs. Mr. Pruitt will usher in an era of responsible
29 stewardship, taking into account true costs and benefits of various approaches to environmental
30 regulation. Unlike the current Environmental Protection Agency, he will be faithful to the wise
31 balances struck in our nation's environmental laws; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, unlike the Obama administration, Mr. Pruitt fully supports American
34 energy producers and believes we must unleash America's energy revolution in order to create
35 jobs and bring new wealth to the American people; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, as Oklahoma Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt pushed for protections for local
38 oil and gas producers to ensure they were not being infringed upon by an overbearing regulatory
39 state; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has demonstrated his willingness to take on and sue oil and gas
42 producers when they have polluted in his own state; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt led efforts along with 18 attorneys general to successfully block
45 the Environmental Protection Agency's attempts to harass America's farmers and ranchers by
46 redefining what the term "navigable" water means under the Clean Water Act:

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48 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
49 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, hereby urge the United States Senate to
50 confirm Mr. Pruitt as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
53 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
54 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to all members of the Missouri
55 Congressional delegation.

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