

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5030

By Committee on Environment
(By request of Select Joint Committee on Energy)

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President and the Con-
11 gress of the United States to lift the moratorium on offshore drilling
12 for natural gas.
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14 WHEREAS, Policies of the federal government have placed much of
15 the coastal Outer Continental Shelf off limits to natural gas exploration;
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17 WHEREAS, Dwindling natural gas supplies and global competition
18 for natural gas continue to force prices upward; and

19 WHEREAS, America's increased dependence on foreign energy sup-
20 plies, will create a threat to national security; and

21 WHEREAS, High gas prices are forcing industries like the nitrogen
22 fertilizer industry to move production to other countries, creating a threat
23 to our food security; and

24 WHEREAS, Other industrial natural gas users likewise are feeling the
25 pinch and are faced with choices of absorbing cost increases, passing them
26 along to consumers or moving production overseas; and

27 WHEREAS, The Economic Research Service of the United States
28 Department of Agriculture estimates that farmers' fuel expenses for 2005
29 will have exceeded their 2004 fuel expenses by 41%; and

30 WHEREAS, The Energy Information Administration of the United
31 States Department of Energy projects that the average residential cus-
32 tomer this winter will spend approximately 48% more on natural gas than
33 last winter; and

34 WHEREAS, Development of natural gas reserves contained in the
35 Outer Continental Shelf would provide a reasonably priced supply of gas
36 for years to come; and

37 WHEREAS, Technological innovations have increased the efficiency
38 and ecological safety of natural gas exploration and recovery: Now,
39 therefore,

40 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
41 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas urges the Pres-
42 ident and the Congress of the United States to lift the moratorium on
43 offshore exploration for natural gas; and

1 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send
2 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,
3 the United States Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the United
4 States Environmental Protection Agency, the President of the Senate of
5 the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
6 United States and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.