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House Resolution 1636

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Lewis of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>, and others

A RESOLUTION

Urging Congress and the President to remove the moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, exploration for natural gas in the State of Georgia's coastal areas is currently prohibited under the federal ban on offshore oil and gas drilling, a moratorium that has been in place since 1982; and

WHEREAS, the rising demand for natural gas as a clean-burning fuel source coupled with a limited supply of natural gas will continue to boost heating and electricity costs, affecting homeowners, small business owners, and a range of major industries; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the Elba Island Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal, one of the nation's key receiving points for natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the provision of an increased diversity of natural gas supplies to Georgia will offset part of the need for supplies from the Gulf of Mexico and will help stabilize or lower the price for natural gas in Georgia, helping to create a favorable energy market for Georgia consumers; and

WHEREAS, a favorable energy market in Georgia will aid economic development, help attract new jobs, and help to secure existing jobs; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is a clean burning fuel that is more environmentally safe to produce and use than other fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the continental shelf off the coast of Georgia is about 80 miles wide with the eastern boundary being marked by the Gulf Stream and is the widest in the South Atlantic Bight, which extends from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's coast is more than 100 miles in length and has two highly developed ports in Brunswick and Savannah, which is home to the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind on the Eastern and Gulf Coasts of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the energy demands of Georgians and the rest of this nation and to benefit the Georgia economy, there is a need to resume exploration for and drilling of offshore natural gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body strongly urge the Congress of the United States and the President to remove the moratorium on offshore drilling for oil and natural gas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Georgia congressional delegation.