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3 By Senators Williams, Beason, Holley, Glover, Bussman,
4 Sanford, McGill, Taylor, Smith, Holtzclaw, Dial, Allen,
5 Blackwell, Whatley, Ward, Brewbaker, Marsh, Orr, Fielding, and
6 Brooks
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8 URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO LIFT THE MORATORIUM
9 ON OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND EXPEDITE THE
10 RENEWAL OF LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING.
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12 WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, America has grown
13 increasingly dependent upon foreign sources of energy, sending
14 American dollars to countries that are hostile to American
15 interests and leaving us vulnerable to wild fluctuations in
16 energy prices; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States of America needs secure,
18 reliable, and affordable domestic oil and natural gas supplies
19 for its citizens, for economic development, and the benefits
20 thereof; and

21 WHEREAS, the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS),
22 including the Eastern Gulf of Mexico south and east of the
23 great State of Alabama, contains huge, untapped resources of
24 oil and natural gas that are critically important to
25 sustaining our national economic growth and maintaining much
26 needed jobs in virtually every sector of Alabama's as well as
27 the national economy; and

1 WHEREAS, our nation's failure to expand OCS oil and
2 natural gas leasing, drilling, production, and development
3 access would come with a high cost to Alabama and the nation
4 because petroleum demand is estimated by 2025 by the U.S.
5 Energy Information Administration (EIA) to increase by 39
6 percent and natural gas demand by 34 percent; and

7 WHEREAS, an opportunity now exists to improve our
8 energy situation and continue to support economic growth,
9 while providing consumers and businesses with the essential
10 energy so critically needed; and

11 WHEREAS, what America needs is a rational energy
12 policy that utilizes all our homegrown energy resources while
13 protecting the environment; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
15 ALABAMA, That we encourage the federal government to lift the
16 moratorium on offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and to
17 expedite the renewal of licenses and permits for offshore
18 drilling.

19 RESOLVED FURTHER, That we support these beginning
20 steps of a rational energy strategy that fully utilizes our
21 vast energy reserves to lower the cost of energy for every
22 American and helps create cleaner and renewable energy
23 sources.

24 RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be
25 provided to each member of the Alabama Delegation to the
26 United States Congress, to the Speaker of the United States

1 House of Representatives, to the President of the United
2 States Senate, and to the President of the United States.