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4 ENROLLED, SJR136,

5 URGING THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUED  
6 AND EXPANDED ACCESS TO GULF OF MEXICO OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL  
7 GAS.

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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the critical  
10 importance of energy to the people and businesses who reside  
11 in the state, which is in the top 15 for both energy use and  
12 energy expenses per capita; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 3, 2017, the United States  
14 Department of the Interior initiated the development of a new  
15 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program  
16 (OCS) for 2019-2024; and

17 WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the United States  
18 Department of the Interior issued a 2019-2024 draft proposed  
19 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program that  
20 includes continued and expanded opportunities to develop Gulf  
21 of Mexico energy, which will benefit Alabama's economy and  
22 citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico region contributes  
24 nearly 20 percent of the nation's crude oil production; and

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Interior estimates that  
 2           in fiscal year 2014, Gulf of Mexico offshore oil and natural  
 3           gas activity sustained 651,000 jobs, including 18,000 in  
 4           Alabama, and provided over seven billion dollars in revenue to  
 5           the federal government; and

6           WHEREAS, an analysis by Quest Offshore has estimated  
 7           that for Alabama, expanded access to Gulf of Mexico energy  
 8           resources could create 23,000 jobs, over 1.7 billion dollars  
 9           in annual Gross Domestic Product, and over 3.5 billion dollars  
 10          in state government revenue; and

11          WHEREAS, the Quest Offshore analysis also found that  
 12          expanded access to Gulf of Mexico energy resources could  
 13          generate an additional one million barrels of oil equivalent  
 14          per day, or 55 percent of the nation's daily crude oil and  
 15          petroleum product imports from the Persian Gulf; and

16          WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior has  
 17          estimated that without Gulf of Mexico lease sales, the nation  
 18          would have to rely on imports to replace nearly 60 percent of  
 19          the foregone production; and without Gulf of Mexico lease  
 20          sales over a five-year period, between five billion dollars  
 21          and 13 billion dollars in environmental and social costs would  
 22          result; and

23          WHEREAS, the United States Interior Secretary has  
 24          stated, "...it is better to develop our energy here under

1 reasonable regulations rather than have it produced overseas  
2 with little or no regulation...."; and

3 WHEREAS, offshore oil and natural gas revenue  
4 sharing, authorized by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act  
5 of 2006, is essential to maintaining a strong Alabama  
6 coastline and economy and ensuing the long-term sustainability  
7 of Alabama's energy infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal government has previously  
9 proposed the repeal of revenue sharing; and

10 WHEREAS, members of the Alabama Congressional  
11 Delegation have supported revenue sharing and efforts to lift  
12 the existing statutory cap of Gulf of Mexico revenue sharing;  
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the federal government  
16 to provide for continued and expanded access in the Gulf of  
17 Mexico in the 2019-2024 National OCS Program.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we further urge the  
19 federal government to continue revenue sharing with Gulf Coast  
20 states and support congressional efforts to lift the existing  
21 revenue sharing cap currently in place for gulf producing  
22 states.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
24 resolution be transmitted to the President of the United  
25 States, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the

1 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
2 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member  
3 of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Allen