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3 By Senators Roberts, Shelnutt, Barfoot, Weaver and McClendon
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URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO
INCREASE LONG-TERM ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, AFFORDABILITY, AND
SECURITY.

WHEREAS, oil and natural gas are vital components of
our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs
nationwide, including 32,000 jobs and \$15 billion in gross
domestic income in the state; and

WHEREAS, United States energy abundance has provided
security that has historically led to reliable, affordable
energy for American consumers and our allies; and

WHEREAS, the world is looking to the United States
for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical
events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation is
already effecting households, both in the United States and
across Europe; and

WHEREAS, our oil and natural gas pipelines are the
most efficient means of transporting those commodities and the
operation and expansion of those pipelines are a key component

1 of the United State's energy success, but are being blocked by
2 the federal government and many state governments; and

3 WHEREAS, the Biden administration continues to
4 increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural
5 gas on federal lands and waters, despite the fact that the oil
6 and gas production provides billions in revenue to federal,
7 state, and local governments and supports conservation
8 programs throughout the country; and

9 WHEREAS, United States offshore production is one of
10 the lowest carbon intensive energy-producing regions in the
11 world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shift
12 production and capital investment overseas and undermine
13 decades of environmental progress; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we, the members of the Senate
16 and the House of Representatives of the State of Alabama,
17 strongly urge the President of the United States to take
18 measures and support policies that ensure long-term American
19 energy leadership, security, and progress, including those
20 that result in the continued operation of existing oil and
21 natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas
22 pipelines, the resumption of consistent, credible federal
23 lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year
24 program to guide future offshore leasing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
26 sends duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the
27 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of

1 the Interior, the United States Secretary of Transportation,
2 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Alabama
3 Congressional delegation, and the news media of the state.