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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS
9 FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 GAS EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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17 WHEREAS, plentiful natural gas supplies and unprecedented advances in
18 technology have provided a historic opportunity for the United States to
19 achieve energy self-sufficiency while creating jobs and wealth for our
20 economy; and

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22 WHEREAS, pioneering exploration and extraction methods have opened such
23 vast natural gas resources to development that demand on United States
24 natural gas markets can grow with little impact to domestic prices; and

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26 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy estimates natural gas
27 production levels by 2035 will be 55% more than it estimated only four years
28 ago, a growth trend that can support all domestic demand while allowing the
29 United States to capitalize on the economic benefit of exporting abundant
30 natural gas to other nations; and

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32 WHEREAS, expanding exports of liquefied natural gas is a key component
33 in helping the United States realize its potential as a global energy leader
34 while creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and strengthening the United
35 States economy; and



1 WHEREAS, global demand for liquefied natural gas is expected to grow
2 significantly over the next two decades; and

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4 WHEREAS, liquefied natural gas exports will create tens of thousands of
5 construction and operations jobs and will support fifty thousand jobs in the
6 exploration and production sectors for every two billion cubic feet per day
7 of exports; and

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9 WHEREAS, according to recent studies, expanding markets for liquefied
10 natural gas are expected to generate as much as \$86 billion in net benefits
11 to the United States economy, which could create more than 450,000 American
12 jobs and help reduce the United States trade deficit by as much as \$60
13 billion by 2038; and

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15 WHEREAS, expanded liquefied natural gas exports would promote stability
16 in natural gas pricing and spur increased investments by the natural gas
17 industry, providing more jobs and revenue for roads and schools here in
18 Arkansas; and

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20 WHEREAS, creating additional markets for United States liquefied
21 natural gas is also consistent with national trade and security policy
22 because failure to create those markets would force our allies to continue to
23 rely on regimes hostile to United States interests for their energy needs;
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26 WHEREAS, construction and operation of liquefied natural gas export
27 facilities would incentivize new direct infrastructure investments worth
28 billions of dollars and generate royalties and local tax revenues directly
29 into communities across the country; and

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31 WHEREAS, nearly 30 liquefied natural gas production facilities have
32 applied to the United States Department of Energy for licenses to export, yet
33 only one project has received final permitting approval; and

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35 WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of liquefied natural gas producers, energy
36 and petroleum companies, business groups, service companies, elected

1 officials, and others have expressed their support for liquefied natural gas
2 exports,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
6 OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly of the State of
9 Arkansas endorses expanded markets for liquefied natural gas exports from the
10 United States and encourages regulatory and legislative policies designed to
11 streamline and simplify the permitting process.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this
14 resolution be presented by the Secretary of the Senate to members of the
15 United States Congress representing Arkansas as an expression of the Arkansas
16 Senate's support for expanded liquefied natural gas exports and the
17 streamlining of permit approval for pending export facilities so that the
18 economic benefits of liquefied natural gas exports can be magnified
19 throughout the United States.

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