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10 SENATE RESOLUTION

11 IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS
12 FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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

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

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

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35 WHEREAS, expanding exports of liquefied natural gas is a key component
36 in helping the United States realize its potential as a global energy leader



1 while creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and strengthening the United
2 States economy; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of liquefied natural gas producers, energy and petroleum companies, business groups, service companies, elected officials, and others have expressed their support for liquefied natural gas exports,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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

/s/ Irvin