

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

Whereas, Mr. Scott Pruitt is an ideal nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency because as a state attorney general he has witnessed the real world consequences of the agency's unconstitutional overreach, and he has been a leader in working to restore the Environmental Protection Agency to its original, lawful mission; and

Whereas, Mr. Pruitt has earned bipartisan respect and recognition during his tenure as Oklahoma Attorney General by demonstrating an expertise in constitutional law and the federal regulatory system, in addition to his willingness to take on tough fights on behalf of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, like Mr. Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt is committed to clean air and clean water, and to faithfully enforcing the environmental laws written by Congress. At the direction of Mr. Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt will restore a thoughtful balance to the Environmental Protection Agency and will seek to preserve the environment in a responsible manner that will not unduly sacrifice our nation's economic well-being to appease the extreme left; and

Whereas, Mr. Pruitt has a long record of environmental protection in Oklahoma as the state's Attorney General. He negotiated a historic water rights settlement with Native American tribes that preserved the ecosystems of scenic lakes and rivers; he worked with his Democrat counterpart in Arkansas to reduce pollution in the Illinois River; and he represented the interests of Oklahomans in rate cases against utility companies and in numerous actions against those who contaminated his state's air and water, including lawsuits against oil and gas companies that were profiting off pollution and defrauding taxpayers; and

Whereas, for too long, the Environmental Protection Agency has overreached and sought aggressive measures that have achieved little environmental protection but have devastated economies and destroyed jobs. Mr. Pruitt will usher in an era of responsible stewardship, taking into account true costs and benefits of various approaches to environmental regulation. Unlike the current Environmental Protection Agency, he will be faithful to the wise balances struck in our nation's environmental laws; and

Whereas, unlike the current administration, Mr. Pruitt fully supports American energy producers and believes we must unleash America's energy revolution in order to create jobs and bring new wealth to the American people; and

Whereas, as Oklahoma Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt pushed for protections for local oil and gas producers to ensure they were not being infringed upon by an overbearing regulatory state; and

Whereas, Mr. Pruitt has demonstrated his willingness to take on and sue oil and gas producers when they have polluted in his own state; and

Whereas, Mr. Pruitt led efforts along with 18 attorneys general to successfully block the Environmental Protection Agency's attempts to harass America's farmers and ranchers by redefining what the term "navigable" water means under the Clean Water Act:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby urge the United States Senate to confirm Mr. Pruitt as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to all members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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