

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 626

Whereas, oil and natural gas are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs nationwide and nearly 8% of the nation's GDP; and

Whereas, U.S. 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 U.S. for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households both in the U.S. and across Europe; and

Whereas, operation and expansion of a key component of America's energy success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those commodities, are being blocked by the federal government and many state governments; and

Whereas, the Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the program provides billions in revenues to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

Whereas, U.S offshore oil and natural gas production is one of the lowest carbon intensive energy-producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shift production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session hereby strongly urge the President of the United States to take measures and support policies that

ensure long-term American energy leadership, security, and progress, including those that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, the resumption of consistent, credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore leasing; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.