

By Senator Saunders

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1 Senate Memorial No. \_\_\_\_

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United  
3 States, urging Congress to pass House  
4 Resolution 33 relating to the leasing under the  
5 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands off  
6 the coast of Florida.

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8 WHEREAS, during the first session of the 106th  
9 Congress, Representative Porter Goss and 11 other  
10 Representatives introduced House Resolution 33, which would  
11 condition the preleasing, leasing, exploration and  
12 development, and production of oil and gas from the outer  
13 continental shelf off Florida on the performance of certain  
14 scientific and environmental assessments, studies, and  
15 research, and

16 WHEREAS, this legislation would establish a Joint  
17 Federal-State Continental Shelf Task Force to provide for,  
18 supervise, and review such assessments, studies, and research,  
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20 WHEREAS, adequate scientific and environmental analysis  
21 is necessary prior to any such preleasing, leasing,  
22 exploration, production, or drilling for oil or gas, in order  
23 to provide the protection needed for the conservation of  
24 Florida's natural resources and to minimize the uncertainty  
25 regarding the effects of such activities on the state's  
26 coastal environment and citizens, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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30 That the Congress of the United States is respectfully  
31 requested to pass House Resolution 33 by Representative Porter

1 Goss and others, which imposes restrictions and requirements  
2 on the leasing of lands off Florida's coast under the Outer  
3 Continental Shelf Lands Act, to ensure the protection of the  
4 marine, coastal, and human environments of the State of  
5 Florida.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 sent to the President of the United States, to the President  
8 of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United  
9 States House of Representatives, and to each member of the  
10 Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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