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House Memorial

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

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

WHEREAS, this legislation would establish a Joint Federal-State Continental Shelf Task Force to provide for, supervise, and review such assessments, studies, and research, and

WHEREAS, adequate scientific and environmental analysis is necessary prior to any such preleasing, leasing, exploration, production, or drilling for oil or gas, in order to provide the protection needed for the conservation of Florida's natural resources and to minimize the uncertainty regarding the effects of such activities on the state's coastal environment and citizens, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is respectfully 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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