By the Committee on Environmental Protection and Representatives C. Green, Sorensen, Maygarden, Fasano, Fiorentino, Goodlette, Bense, Russell, Bainter, Henriquez, Greenstein, Farkas, Kyle, Jones, Hart, Futch, Lynn, Feeney, (Additional Sponsors on Last Printed Page)

1 House Memorial A memorial to the Congress of the United 2 3 States, urging Congress to pass House Resolution 33 relating to the leasing under the 4 5 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands off the coast of Florida. 6 7 8 WHEREAS, during the first session of the 106th 9 Congress, Representative Porter Goss, along with the other 22 10 members of the Florida Delegation to Congress, introduced 11 House Resolution 33, which would condition the preleasing, leasing, exploration and development, and production of oil 12 13 and gas from the outer continental shelf off Florida on the 14 performance of certain scientific and environmental assessments, studies, and research, and 15 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, 19 and 20 WHEREAS, adequate scientific and environmental analysis 21 is necessary prior to any such preleasing, leasing, exploration, production, or drilling for oil or gas, in order 22 to provide the protection needed for the conservation of 23 Florida's natural resources and to minimize the uncertainty 24 25 regarding the effects of such activities on the state's 26 coastal environment and citizens, NOW, THEREFORE, 27 28 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 29 30 That the Congress of the United States is respectfully

31 requested to pass House Resolution 33 by Representative Porter

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida Delegation to the United States Congress.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Detert, Gay, Crow, Waters, C. Smith, Andrews, Byrd, Ogles, Chestnut, Ritchie, Brummer and Kelly