

By Senator Saunders

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

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

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

15 WHEREAS, this legislation would establish a Joint  
16 Federal-State Continental Shelf Task Force to provide for,  
17 supervise, and review such assessments, studies, and research,  
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19 WHEREAS, adequate scientific and environmental analysis  
20 is necessary prior to any such preleasing, leasing,  
21 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 regarding the effects of such activities on the state's  
25 coastal environment and citizens, NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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29 That the Congress of the United States is respectfully  
30 requested to pass House Resolution 33 by Representative Porter  
31 Goss and others, which imposes restrictions and requirements

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

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

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