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House Resolution

A resolution urging the continued protection of Florida's Gulf of Mexico coastline.

WHEREAS, Florida's seashores and natural beauty are natural resources enjoyed by the entire world, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida have consistently shown their commitment to the protection of these irreplaceable natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the economy of Florida is based in large part on the desire of people the world over to share in this natural beauty, and

WHEREAS, plans by the Federal Government to auction leases for the exploration of oil and natural gas off the coastline of Florida have been recently announced, and

WHEREAS, such exploration creates an unacceptable risk to the exceptional natural resources of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the Florida House of Representatives opposes any move to allow exploration or drilling for oil or natural gas within the Eastern Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to United States Department of Interior Secretary Gale Norton and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.