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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES AND SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to encourage and enable the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expedite the review and approval of Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass Liquefied Natural Gas facility and to streamline the approval process for similar export facilities to magnify the economic benefits of liquefied natural gas exports throughout the region and nation.

WHEREAS, Cheniere Energy plans to invest ten billion dollars into a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export facility will have significant economic benefits for the Louisiana and national economies; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export Facility will result in an average of one thousand eight hundred construction jobs over a five-year period, over one billion dollars paid in wages and benefits during construction, and an additional two hundred permanent jobs in Cameron Parish; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export facility will create a demand for two billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas drawn from areas such as Louisiana's Haynesville Shale and will support between thirty thousand and fifty thousand jobs in the exploration and production industry; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export facility will provide a stable and secure energy source for America's allies around the world; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export facility will bring needed jobs and development to Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and encourage growth in the southwest Louisiana region; and

WHEREAS, the Cheniere's Sabine Pass site has been subjected to three extensive environmental reviews by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission resulting in findings

of no significant impact in an initial Environmental Impact Statement and two Environmental Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's current review of Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Export Facility has been ongoing since July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Cheniere has demonstrated that they are a safe and responsible operator, steward of the local environment, and responsible corporate citizen.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to encourage and enable the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expedite the review and approval of Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass Liquefied Natural Gas facility and to streamline the approval process for similar export facilities to magnify the economic benefits of liquefied natural gas exports throughout the region and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE