A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN THE RULES REGARDING THE SAFETY OF NATURAL GAS AND LIQUIDS PIPELINE OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the nation's natural gas and liquids pipeline facilities provide critical services to all citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has a vital interest in the integrity and safety of the interstate natural gas and liquids pipelines within the state; and

WHEREAS, recent incidents of pipeline leaks and ruptures have led to heightened concern for the health and welfare of the citizens of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, these incidents have led to intense discussion about the reliability of the natural gas and liquids supply and the prevention, mitigation and response to pipeline incidents; and

WHEREAS, enhancements to federal pipeline safety requirements can translate into enhanced safety requirements of state-regulated facilities within the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby express support for federal legislation to strengthen effectively and efficiently the rules regarding the safety of natural gas and liquids pipeline operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation.