

By: Representatives Franks,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
2 ENACT LEGISLATION TO REPEAL SECTION 6034(A) OF THE EMERGENCY
3 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2005 TO ENABLE THE FEDERAL
4 GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE, AT FAIR MARKET VALUE, ALL OIL, GAS AND
5 OTHER MINERAL RIGHTS ON AND UNDER STATE MARINE WATERS AND
6 TIDELANDS.

7 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of this
8 state and the economic development of this state that the federal
9 government purchase, at fair market value, from Mississippi all
10 oil, gas and other mineral rights in, on and under state marine
11 waters and tidelands and all waters and submerged lands twelve
12 (12) nautical miles south of a line drawn from the southernmost
13 land of Cat Island to the southernmost land of Ship Island, to the
14 southernmost land of Horn Island, to the southernmost land of
15 Petit Bois Island and extending east and west to the state borders
16 with Alabama and Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, depositing the purchase money of such oil, gas and
18 other mineral rights into the Mississippi Education Trust Fund,
19 which was created in Section 206A of the Mississippi Constitution,
20 would benefit the children of this great state; and

21 WHEREAS, prohibiting all seismographic testing and all
22 leasing and extracting of oil, gas and other minerals in, on and
23 under state marine waters and tidelands and all waters and
24 submerged lands twelve (12) nautical miles south of a line drawn
25 from the southernmost land of Cat Island to the southernmost land
26 of Ship Island, to the southernmost land of Horn Island, to the
27 southernmost land of Petit Bois Island and extending east and west
28 to the state borders with Alabama and Louisiana would benefit the
29 citizens of this state:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we request the
32 United States Congress to enact legislation to repeal Section
33 6034(A) of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request the United States
35 Congress to repeal Section 6034(A) of the Emergency Supplemental
36 Appropriations Act of 2005, authorize and appropriate funds for
37 purchase, at fair market value, from the State of Mississippi all
38 oil, gas and other mineral rights in, on and under state marine
39 waters and tidelands and all waters and submerged lands twelve
40 (12) nautical miles south of a line drawn from the southernmost
41 land of Cat Island to the southernmost land of Ship Island, to the
42 southernmost land of Horn Island, to the southernmost land of
43 Petit Bois Island and extending east and west to the state borders
44 with Alabama and Louisiana, adopt a new law to prohibit all
45 seismographic testing and all leasing and extracting of oil, gas
46 and other minerals in, on and under state marine waters and
47 tidelands and all waters and submerged lands twelve (12) nautical
48 miles south of a line drawn from the southernmost land of Cat
49 Island to the southernmost land of Ship Island, to the
50 southernmost land of Horn Island, to the southernmost land of
51 Petit Bois Island and extending east and west to the state borders
52 with Alabama and Louisiana.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the intent of the
54 Legislature that the money paid by the United States government to
55 the State of Mississippi for the purchase, at fair market value,
56 of oil, gas and other mineral rights in, on and under state waters
57 and tidelands shall be deposited to the Mississippi Education
58 Trust Fund created by Section 206A of the Mississippi Constitution
59 of 1890.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to any member of the United States Congress, any citizen
62 of the State of Mississippi and to the Capitol Press Corps.