

## House Resolution 1684

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the United States Congress to provide for a domestic energy policy that will ensure  
2 an adequate supply of natural gas and develop the appropriate infrastructure; and for other  
3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the price of natural gas in the United States, already the highest in the industrial  
5 world, has again spiked and shows continued volatility; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the current price of natural gas is equivalent to paying \$16.00 for a gallon of  
7 milk, \$12.70 for a pound of ground beef, or \$9.21 for a gallon of gasoline; and
- 8 WHEREAS, abnormally high natural gas prices have been a \$111 billion unanticipated  
9 burden on the economy of the United States over the past 18 months; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the United States is over reliant on natural gas in our national energy supply,  
11 creating a tremendous imbalance between natural gas supply and demand; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the chemical and plastics industries of the United States, once leading exporters,  
13 now have large trade deficits and thousands of jobs in this state in these industries are  
14 threatened since these industries use natural gas as a raw material; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the natural gas imbalance is not a free market problem and cannot be corrected  
16 by the importation of natural gas because the high price of natural gas is created by  
17 governmental policies that increase demand for natural gas while impeding the development  
18 of a greater supply by discouraging more exploration and production; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the members of this body support a sound, rational, domestic energy policy.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 this body urges the United States Congress to enact legislation in the 108th Congress

1 providing for a domestic energy policy that will ensure an adequate supply of natural gas and  
2 develop the appropriate infrastructure. Such energy policy should embrace a concerted  
3 national effort to promote greater energy efficiency and produce a political consensus that  
4 will open promising new areas for environmentally responsible natural gas production.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush,  
7 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
8 Representatives, and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.