

House Resolution 32

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Jerguson of the 22nd, Loudermilk of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th, and Franklin of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Governor Sonny Perdue to proceed with leases for the exploration and drilling for oil
2 and natural gas off the Georgia coast; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the nation is experiencing an energy crisis and a dependency on foreign oil
4 which makes us vulnerable to the whims of other countries and to the global economic
5 market; and

6 WHEREAS, only through a program of energy independence can this nation protect itself
7 in both the long and the short term; and

8 WHEREAS, in the short term, until other technologies can be developed, America is
9 dependent upon a reliable supply of fossil fuels in the form of petroleum and natural gas; and

10 WHEREAS, because of the time needed to locate, drill, and collect oil and natural gas, it is
11 critical that such exploration and drilling be undertaken immediately so that it can provide
12 the needed supplies as soon as possible; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal government has no constitutional authority or deed ownership of
14 those coastal waters adjacent to the Georgia coast; and

15 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue needs to begin the process of leasing rights to explore
16 and drill for oil and natural gas off the coast of Georgia to those companies who are willing
17 to undertake such exploration and drilling as soon as possible.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body urge Governor Sonny Perdue to begin immediately the process to
20 lease the areas off the coast of Georgia for the purpose of oil and natural gas exploration and
21 drilling.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Governor Sonny Perdue.