

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

By: Thomas of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to take steps to remove propane from the list of substances subject to certain Environmental Protection Agency Risk Management regulations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated rules implementing a Risk Management Program under Section 112(r) of the Federal Clean Air Act that requires the development of comprehensive prevention and emergency response programs for businesses and individuals storing propane; and

WHEREAS, the environmental agencies in over half of the states, including Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri are unwilling to implement the provisions of the Risk Management Program under Section 112(r) of the Federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, current federal, state, and local regulations, such as those developed by the National Fire Protection Association's Code 58 which have been adopted by Oklahoma as the standard for the law, provide for public safety as it relates to the storage of propane; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000,000 businesses, 660,000 farms, 350,000 industrial facilities, and 12,000 retail facilities in the United States either use or sell propane, many of which store propane in sufficient quantities to trigger coverage under the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management regulations will dramatically increase the cost of doing business in the United States by as much as \$1.5 billion without any additional benefit of increasing public safety; and

WHEREAS, the cost and inconvenience of complying with duplicative and unnecessary Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management regulations will cause many propane customers to convert to other fuels which are not required to comply with the burdensome regulations which in turn will irreparably harm the propane industry in Oklahoma and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to take all steps necessary to assist the propane industry in Oklahoma and the United States and the consumers of propane by removing propane from the list of substances covered under the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Program under Section 112(r) of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, and to the President and President-elect of the Oklahoma Propane Gas Association.

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