

House Resolution No. 12

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZWATER (49).

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2 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Scott Pruitt is an ideal nominee to lead the Environmental Protection
3 Agency because as a state attorney general he has witnessed the real world consequences of the
4 agency's unconstitutional overreach, and he has been a leader in working to restore the
5 Environmental Protection Agency to its original, lawful mission; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has earned bipartisan respect and recognition during his tenure
7 as Oklahoma Attorney General by demonstrating an expertise in constitutional law and the
8 federal regulatory system, in addition to his willingness to take on tough fights on behalf of
9 Oklahoma; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, like Mr. Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt is committed to clean air and clean
12 water, and to faithfully enforcing the environmental laws written by Congress. At the direction
13 of Mr. Donald J. Trump, Mr. Pruitt will restore a thoughtful balance to the Environmental
14 Protection Agency and will seek to preserve the environment in a responsible manner that will
15 not unduly sacrifice our nation's economic well-being to appease the extreme left; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has a long record of environmental protection in Oklahoma as
18 the state's Attorney General. He negotiated a historic water rights settlement with Native
19 American tribes that preserved the ecosystems of scenic lakes and rivers; he worked with his
20 Democrat counterpart in Arkansas to reduce pollution in the Illinois River; and he represented
21 the interests of Oklahomans in rate cases against utility companies and in numerous actions
22 against those who contaminated his state's air and water, including lawsuits against oil and gas
23 companies that were profiting off pollution and defrauding taxpayers; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, for too long, the Environmental Protection Agency has overreached and
26 sought aggressive measures that have achieved little environmental protection but have
27 devastated economies and destroyed jobs. Mr. Pruitt will usher in an era of responsible
28 stewardship, taking into account true costs and benefits of various approaches to environmental
29 regulation. Unlike the current Environmental Protection Agency, he will be faithful to the wise
30 balances struck in our nation's environmental laws; and

31 **WHEREAS**, unlike the current administration, Mr. Pruitt fully supports American
32 energy producers and believes we must unleash America's energy revolution in order to create
33 jobs and bring new wealth to the American people; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, as Oklahoma Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt pushed for protections for local
36 oil and gas producers to ensure they were not being infringed upon by an overbearing regulatory
37 state; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt has demonstrated his willingness to take on and sue oil and gas
40 producers when they have polluted in his own state; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pruitt led efforts along with 18 attorneys general to successfully block
43 the Environmental Protection Agency's attempts to harass America's farmers and ranchers by
44 redefining what the term "navigable" water means under the Clean Water Act:

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46 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
47 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, hereby urge the United States Senate to
48 confirm Mr. Pruitt as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
51 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
52 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to all members of the Missouri
53 Congressional delegation.

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