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To establish a moratorium on oil and gas production and exploration activities in the Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRONIS (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, and Mr. GIMENEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Protecting Florida's Offshore Military Readiness Act''.

SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN THE EGLIN GULF TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.

Section 104 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) EGLIN GULF TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), effective on the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall not offer for leasing, preleasing, production, or any related activity for oil and gas development any area located in the Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range (as designated by the Secretary of War as of that date of enactment).

"(2) EFFECT ON CERTAIN LEASES.—The moratorium under paragraph (1) shall not affect valid existing leases in effect on the date of enactment of this subsection.

"(3) CRITICAL USE.—The moratorium under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that the Secretary of War submits to Congress a certification that the Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range is not of critical use.".

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