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Page 85, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 316. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MILITARY READINESS AND OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force concluded that the expansion of oil and gas exploration and extraction could conflict with military missions and readiness in the Joint Gulf Range Complex.

(2) The Department of Defense determined that offshore drilling platforms and activities are incompatible with military training and weapons testing.

(3) The Department of Defense stated that maintaining a moratorium on oil and gas activities in the Gulf of Mexico beyond 2022 is vital for protecting our national security.
(4) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration stated that oil and gas exploration and extraction would negatively affect the ability of the Federal Government to conduct aerospace test activities.

(5) More than 125 local governments located along the East Coast, more than 1,200 local, State, and Federal elected officials, numerous fishing and tourism interests, and an alliance representing over 40,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have all publicly opposed offshore drilling or seismic airgun blasting in the Atlantic Ocean:

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that military readiness should take priority over oil and gas exploration and extraction in existing testing and training areas available for military use.