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To approve the designation of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, to disapprove a term of that designation, to prohibit the exploration for, or the development or production of, oil, gas, or minerals in any area of that sanctuary, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress approves the national marine sanctuary designation entitled "Designation Document for Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary" that was submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Commerce on May 24, 1989, but disapproves the following terms of such designation: Designation of hydrocarbon (oil and gas) activities as activities which may be regulated within the Sanctuary and adjacent waters under article 4, section 1.c. of the final designation document for the Sanctuary.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, OR PRODUCTION OF OIL, NATURAL GAS, OR MINERALS IN SANCTUARY.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the exploration for, or the development or production of, oil, gas, or minerals in any area of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary established by the designation referred to in the first section is prohibited.

(b) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after the date on which this joint resolution becomes law, the Secretary of Commerce shall revise the regulations issued by the Secretary governing prohibited activities in the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (15 CFR 942.6) to implement the prohibition established by subsection (a).

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