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Expressing the legislature's support for the construction of a natural gas spur pipeline between Fairbanks and the Nenana Basin and Southcentral Alaska, commending the interest and initiative of the sponsors of that project, and encouraging the appropriate state resource agencies to lend support to those efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS there is an estimated 35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves on Alaska's North Slope; and

WHEREAS there is, in addition, an estimated 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas resources in the Nenana Basin; and

WHEREAS natural gas demand by residents and businesses in Southcentral Alaska will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS more than half the state's population depends on natural gas to heat their homes and businesses, and more than two-thirds of the state's population residing between Fairbanks and Homer depends on natural gas for power generation; and

WHEREAS new measures need to be taken to spur development to protect Alaskans from the price volatility of lower 48 natural gas suppliers; and

WHEREAS now is the time to focus on responsible resource development to ensure low-cost energy for future generations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the construction of a natural gas spur pipeline between Fairbanks and the Nenana Basin and Southcentral Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the principals to this project initiative, notably, Doyon Limited, Andex Resources, LLC, Usibelli Energy, LLC, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, and ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, who have worked together--and ENSTAR has secured partial federal funding for a study of the conceptual engineering, economic, environmental, in-state gas needs, and right-of-way issues for a selected route--and who, by pursuing funding for transportation-related gas pipeline issues, are supporting construction of a Southcentral spur line project as the fastest, most efficient means to this end; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly encourages the governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of revenue to work with these parties to ensure that a Southcentral spur line project is developed in a timely manner to deliver needed natural gas to Alaska residents and businesses.