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Urging coordinated research and development of technology and programs for prevention and cleanup of oil discharges.

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

WHEREAS the recent disaster in Prince William Sound has emphasized the need for expedited research and development related to better technology and programs to prevent and clean up oil discharges; and

WHEREAS the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission has been established to assist state agencies in assessing their research needs and to facilitate cooperation between state agencies, the University of Alaska, and industry with respect to technological issues; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation has been established to award grants for the promotion of basic and applied research on issues important to the state; and

WHEREAS the scientific knowledge gained from Alaska's experience with the Prince William Sound disaster and its future effects are of great concern to governments, organizations, industries, and other persons throughout the world;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission and the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to explore additional ways to coordinate their activities and the activities of other state agencies in order to achieve the development of better prevention and response techniques related to oil discharges; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission and the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to

explore ways of establishing and funding, as soon as practicable, a Prince William Sound science and technology institute, which would be an integrated scientific research facility in Cordova, Alaska, with a special emphasis on research and development relating to oil spills in coastal water, and that would provide a central repository and logistical support for research of this type; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor consider the possibility of having Alaska host a future conference at which the attention of worldwide experts could be focused on the prevention, consequences, and lessons of oil discharge disasters like the one at Prince William Sound.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission; the members of the board of directors of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.