

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

**1 Urging the United States Senate to decline to ratify the treaty from the United
2 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in December 1997 at
3 Kyoto, Japan.**

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

5 WHEREAS, in December 1997, the United Nations Framework Convention on
6 Climate Change met in Kyoto, Japan, and adopted a treaty that would commit the United
7 States to reducing carbon dioxide emissions to seven percent below 1990 levels; and

8 WHEREAS the claim that global warming is due to increased levels of carbon dioxide
9 has not been scientifically proven, and scientists are continuing to investigate and debate this
10 claim; and

11 WHEREAS the convention on climate change intended to address climate change on
12 a global basis; and

13 WHEREAS 129 developing nations, including China, Mexico, India, Brazil, and South
14 Korea, are exempt from the restrictions of the Kyoto treaty, putting the United States at a
15 severe competitive disadvantage in the global economy; and

16 WHEREAS the adoption of the Kyoto treaty may lead to government control of

1 industry through the imposition of carbon production permits, rationing, and a tax levy on
2 consumer carbon emissions, resulting in sharply increased costs and the loss of thousands of
3 jobs in the United States;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Senate
5 to decline to ratify the Kyoto treaty adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention
6 on Climate Change under its present terms; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to enact
8 legislation prohibiting the adoption of an executive order or regulation that attempts to
9 implement any provision of the treaty.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
11 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and president
12 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of
13 Representatives; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the
14 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
15 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.