

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RAMRAS

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Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 **WHEREAS** there is an estimated 100 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves on
7 Alaska's North Slope; and

8 **WHEREAS** there is, in addition, an estimated 10 to 15 trillion cubic feet of natural
9 gas reserves in the Nenana Basin; and

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** new measures need to be taken to spur development to protect Alaskans

1 from the price volatility of lower 48 natural gas suppliers; and

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

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

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

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