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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing, on an**
 2 **ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental**
 3 **shelf with all coastal energy-producing states to ensure that those states develop,**
 4 **support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity.**

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

6 **WHEREAS**, under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, the federal government
 7 shares with the states 50 percent of revenue from mineral production on federal land within
 8 each state's boundaries; and

9 **WHEREAS** the shared mineral production revenue is distributed to the states
 10 automatically, outside of the budget process, and is not subject to appropriation; and

11 **WHEREAS** there is not a similar authority for the federal government to share federal
 12 oil and gas revenue generated on the outer continental shelf with adjacent coastal states,
 13 despite the vital contribution made by those states to our nation's energy, economic, and
 14 national security needs in support of production from the outer continental shelf; and

15 **WHEREAS** the states that sustain this critical energy production and development

1 deserve a share of the revenue generated because they provide infrastructure to support
2 offshore operations and because of the environmental effects and other risks associated with
3 oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf; and

4 **WHEREAS**, under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, the federal
5 government recognized the contributions made by Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and
6 Texas to national security and agreed to give them 37.5 percent of revenue from oil and gas
7 development in newly leased federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico; and

8 **WHEREAS** other coastal states, including Alaska and California, also support and
9 should receive, on a regular and ongoing basis, a fair share of revenue generated through
10 development on the outer continental shelf as compensation and reward for their contributions
11 to the nation's energy supply, security, and economy; and

12 **WHEREAS** there are presently 263 active oil and gas leases off Alaska's coast,
13 covering more than 550,000 hectares; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since statehood, oil and gas production from the outer continental shelf
15 off Alaska's coast has generated millions of dollars in revenue for the federal government; and

16 **WHEREAS** the February 2008 lease sale in the Chukchi Sea generated an additional
17 \$2,600,000,000 in revenue for the federal government;

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
19 Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated
20 from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf with all coastal energy-producing
21 states to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and
22 preserve environmental integrity.

23 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
24 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
25 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, United States Secretary of
26 the Interior; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable
27 Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
28 of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the
29 U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the U.S. Senate
30 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
31 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,

1 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 110th United
2 States Congress.