

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28(RES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Millett, Wilson, Neuman, Keller, Lynn, Johansen

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress not to adopt**
2 **any policy, rule, or administrative action or enact legislation that would restrict energy**
3 **exploration, development, and production in federal and state waters around Alaska,**
4 **the outer continental shelf within 200 miles of shore, and elsewhere in the continental**
5 **United States; urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress**
6 **to encourage and promote continued exploration, development, and production of**
7 **domestic oil and gas resources.**

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

9 **WHEREAS** the future growth of the United States economy is energy-dependent and
10 requires access to domestic oil and gas resources, alternative and renewable energy resources,
11 and increased conservation; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States, as a matter of national policy, needs to reduce its long-
13 term dependence on foreign energy sources for the purposes of economic and national
14 security; and

1 **WHEREAS** responsible development and expansion of domestic energy resources
2 will generate thousands of much-needed jobs; result in billions of dollars in new investment in
3 and tax revenue for federal, state, and local governments; reduce oil imports; stem the flow of
4 United States dollars to foreign governments for the purchase of energy supplies; and
5 generally ensure the health of the United States economy in the short and long term; and

6 **WHEREAS** wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, and other alternative energy resources
7 hold the potential for meeting future energy demands and deserve support, but are incapable
8 of meeting current domestic energy needs; and

9 **WHEREAS** current domestic energy needs require increased access to domestic oil
10 and gas while alternative energy resources are developed for the future; and

11 **WHEREAS** vast energy resources in the United States, including billions of barrels of
12 oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas in areas on the North Slope and offshore from
13 Alaska remain untouched and could be developed economically; and

14 **WHEREAS** new drilling techniques and environmentally sound exploration,
15 development, and production technologies enable the development of oil and gas reserves in
16 the continental United States and on the outer continental shelf as domestic energy resources;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS** key members of the Obama Administration and members of the
19 leadership of the United States Congress have stated as key priorities imposing restrictions on
20 the development of Alaska's offshore oil and gas reserves and reimposing the ban on drilling
21 on the United States outer continental shelf within 200 miles of shore; and

22 **WHEREAS** the safe and responsible exploration and development of all domestic
23 energy resources to provide economic and national security is in the best interests of the
24 citizens of the United States; and

25 **WHEREAS** the people of Alaska support the safe and responsible development of
26 domestic energy resources and recognize the economic benefits of a balanced energy policy
27 that includes increased development of domestic oil and gas resources;

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the
29 United States and the United States Congress not to adopt any policy, rule, or administrative
30 action or enact legislation that would restrict energy exploration, development, and production
31 in federal and state waters around Alaska, the outer continental shelf within 200 miles of

1 shore, and elsewhere in the continental United States; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the
3 United States and the United States Congress to encourage and promote continued
4 exploration, development, and production of domestic oil and gas resources.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
6 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
7 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the
8 Interior; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
9 Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
10 Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell,
11 Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and
12 Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
13 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
14 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 111th United
15 States Congress.