

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United**
2 **States Secretary of State to support the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Keystone XL pipeline will bring crude oil in the form of blended
5 bitumen from the oil sands region in Alberta, Canada, to oil refineries along the American
6 Gulf Coast; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Keystone XL pipeline will bring oil from Canada to American
8 refineries that can replace oil from other locations, including the Middle East and Venezuela;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** construction of the Keystone XL pipeline will bring long-term security to
11 American refineries by supplying them with a product from a stable region with known
12 reserves of over 175,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil and from a country with a history as the
13 leading trading partner of America; and

14 **WHEREAS** the American Gulf Coast refining infrastructure is uniquely designed to
15 refine heavy crude, including blended bitumen, from the Canadian oil sands because
16 extensive upgrades have been made to the Gulf Coast refining facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Keystone XL pipeline will generate a substantial number of jobs and
2 will bring millions of dollars of revenue to the nation; and

3 **WHEREAS** failure to construct the Keystone XL pipeline is unlikely to reduce the
4 volume of oil produced from the Canadian oil sands; therefore, Canadian producers may
5 choose to export their product to other markets, including China; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Keystone XL pipeline will provide the opportunity for oil producers
7 in the Bakken Formation regions of North Dakota and Montana to send their product to oil
8 refineries along the American Gulf Coast, increasing the value of the product at the wellhead
9 in the Bakken Formation;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges United States Congress,
11 the President of the United States, and the United States Department of State to permit and
12 support the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

13 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
14 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
15 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of
16 Representatives; the Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Secretary of State; and
17 the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the
18 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.