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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to safety practices in oil
6 and gas well drilling operations.

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

8 WHEREAS sedimentary basins in Alaska have become important producers
9 of oil and gas in the last decade; and

10 WHEREAS all Alaskans are most desirous in maintaining our great state
11 in its natural environment - its pure water and air, its flora and abundant
12 fauna - insofar as is consistent with the concept of multiple use; and

13 WHEREAS extreme environmental factors in Alaska make mechanical opera-
14 tions more difficult than is common in areas of less vigorous environments;
15 and

16 WHEREAS safe practices are to the ultimate benefit of all employees,
17 employers, the State of Alaska and our endowed natural resource and wildlife
18 heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, as a general practice, remedial action is always more rewarding
20 and productive than corrective action; and

21 WHEREAS regulations now in force and procedures now in practice are
22 believed to be sufficient; and

23 WHEREAS the recent disaster in the Santa Barbara channel has focused
24 the eyes of the nation on the consequences of a mechanical or human failure;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
26 the Department of Natural Resources to review in depth the regulations and
27 actual operating practices presently in effect with regard to well drilling
28 in Alaska to determine their adequacy in preventing a devastating accident;
29 and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its findings and recom-
2 mendations, within 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, to the
3 House of Representatives or to the Legislative Council if the First Session
4 of the Sixth Legislature has adjourned.

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