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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to establishing a natural  
6 gas supply for villages in Northwest  
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Navy gas reserves in the petroleum reserve  
10 area around Barrow and Wainwright, Alaska represent one of the only available  
11 supplies of fuel for the surrounding areas; and

12 WHEREAS the Navy is presently contemplating the sinking of new wells  
13 in this reserve to increase the present available fuel supply; and

14 WHEREAS the lack of a ready fuel supply has greatly burdened the person-  
15 al lives of the inhabitants of Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Kotzebue,  
16 Noorvik, Kiana, Shungnak, Ambler, Kobuk and Selawik, Alaska and held back  
17 the economic growth of these communities to a mere trickle; and

18 WHEREAS the presence of a fuel supply to these villages would alleviate  
19 the suffering of the many inhabitants living in them;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the Secretary of  
21 the Navy to investigate the possibility of locating a well near enough to  
22 these villages to permit utilization of this natural gas supply; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior study the feasi-  
24 bility of transmission and distribution of this natural gas supply to the  
25 villagers of Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Kiana, Shungnak, Ambler, Kobuk,  
26 Kotzebue, Noorvik and Selawik, Alaska and make available appropriate federal  
27 funds to carry this study to fruition.

28 COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John H. Chafee,

1 Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the  
2 Interior; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.  
3 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members  
4 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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