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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the removal of discarded  
6 oil drums in Navy Reserve Number 4.

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

8 WHEREAS, even though the development of the petroleum industry in Alaska  
9 is important to the state's economy, it should always be remembered that  
10 Alaska's greatest asset is its clean and healthy, and beautiful environment;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, if those who explore for and extract oil from this state do  
13 not police themselves and clean up oil drums and other unsightly debris,  
14 Alaska's environment will be placed in jeopardy; and

15 WHEREAS the private sector of the petroleum industry in Alaska has  
16 already seen the need to keep the areas in which it works clean and has taken  
17 positive steps to remove oil drums from Alaska's landscape; and

18 WHEREAS the federal government's petroleum operations in Navy Petroleum  
19 Reserve Number 4 have left large quantities of oil drums scattered over the  
20 state's northern tundra; and

21 WHEREAS, because the federal government has not taken action to clean up  
22 their area in Navy Petroleum Reserve Number 4, a great segment of Alaska's  
23 environment is placed in needless danger;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully requested to  
25 follow the example set by the private oil companies and remove the discarded  
26 oil drums in Navy Petroleum Reserve Number 4.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.  
28 Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; Captain Emory C. Smith, Direc-  
29 tor, Office of Navy Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves; and to the Honorable

1 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable  
2 Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
3 Congress.

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