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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the transportation of  
6 natural gas produced in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaska has developed gas fields with reserves in commercial  
9 quantities, but the total reserves are unknown due to a lack of incentive to  
10 further develop; and

11 WHEREAS one reason for the stagnation in the development of our gas  
12 industry is that the Secretary of Commerce has not made a determination that  
13 domestic maritime shippers are capable of delivering natural gas to a  
14 domestic market at a competitive price; and

15 WHEREAS, under existing law, the shipment of our natural gas cannot be  
16 accomplished by the use of foreign-bottom ships; and

17 WHEREAS the nation faces a critical gas shortage; and

18 WHEREAS ready markets for Alaskan gas are the west coast states,  
19 including Hawaii, and Alaskan natural gas is competitive to these states;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska State Legislature urges the  
21 U. S. Congress and federal officials to take action designed to provide for  
22 competitive domestic transportation for Alaskan natural gas; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that, until such time as Alaska is able to utilize  
24 domestic transportation for the transport of its natural gas, the Legislature  
25 urgently requests that the necessary Congressional action be taken to permit  
26 the transport of Alaskan natural gas by way of foreign-built ships, which  
27 action would benefit not only Alaskans but all citizens of the United States.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Maurice H. Stans,

1 Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, U. S.  
2 Senator and Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Harley  
3 O. Staggers, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Interstate and  
4 Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Edward A. Garmatz, U. S. Represen-  
5 tative and Chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee;  
6 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.  
7 Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of  
8 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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