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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 *AM*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing state oil and gas develop-
6 ment in the lower Cook Inlet and
7 requesting the Governor to make
8 certain determinations.

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

10 WHEREAS the nation is presently undergoing the most serious energy
11 crisis in its 200-year history; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska, with its tremendous reserves of natural resources,
13 especially in the energy field, could, through proper development, greatly
14 reduce this present crisis; and

15 WHEREAS intelligent development of energy resources in Alaska would not
16 only help alleviate the national shortage of energy but would also give the
17 sagging Alaska economy the boost it so desperately needs;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the
19 Governor to direct the Department of Natural Resources to make a thorough
20 investigation of the possibilities of state development of the oil and gas
21 reserves in the lower Cook Inlet basin by (1) determining the oil and gas
22 industry's interest in development of lower Cook Inlet; (2) negotiating with
23 the federal government on an equitable interim escrow agreement involving
24 lease and production proceeds; and (3) requesting that the federal government
25 give immediate priority to all impact statements necessary for the state
26 development of oil and gas in the lower Cook Inlet basin; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the Department's efforts be sub-
28 mitted in report form to the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.

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