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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed trans-

6 Alaska gas pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States is experiencing a serious energy crisis;

9 and

10 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has vast known and yet undiscovered  
11 natural resources, the wise development of which will serve to reduce  
12 this crisis; and

13 WHEREAS the economic viability of the State of Alaska is dependent  
14 to a large extent upon the development of its natural resources; and

15 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state and the country  
16 to initiate and support those programs and projects which will ensure  
17 the expeditious and wise development of these necessary resources; and

18 WHEREAS a proposal has been made to construct a natural gas pipeline  
19 from the north slope of Alaska which would generally follow the planned  
20 trans-Alaska oil pipeline; and

21 WHEREAS a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline has numerous and signifi-  
22 cant benefits to the state such as:

23 (1) the line would be entirely within the United States and  
24 not subject to the interests or partial control of a foreign government,  
25 however friendly;

26 (2) the line will cross geological basins which will possibly  
27 open new areas to exploration and development;

28 (3) it would provide employment of Alaskans in the operation  
29 and maintenance of the gas pipeline and related facilities after the

1 construction phase has ended and create additional jobs in supporting  
2 industries;

3 (4) the pipeline would, directly and indirectly, create a large  
4 and significant permanent tax base for the State of Alaska and its cities  
5 and boroughs;

6 (5) a trans-Alaska line would be completed much sooner;

7 (6) it would promote additional industrial development and  
8 consequent employment within many areas of Alaska through the use of  
9 natural gas as an energy source and provide for the needs of existing  
10 industry;

11 (7) the environmental impact would be minimized;

12 (8) substantial benefits would accrue to the entire United  
13 States by delivery of the gas in liquefied form to the west coast, there-  
14 by permitting diversion of existing gas supplies to the mid-west and  
15 eastern United States;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it wholeheartedly  
17 and unequivocally supports the construction of a trans-Alaska natural  
18 gas pipeline, generally following the planned trans-Alaska oil pipeline,  
19 and strongly urges the Governor to make available all of the resources  
20 at his command to ensure an early favorable decision regarding the pro-  
21 posed trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline and the beginning of construction  
22 at the earliest possible time.  
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