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BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the development of Alaska's
6 energy resources.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States is presently faced with a severe energy crisis
9 which is expected to continue for many years; and

10 WHEREAS the evaluation of this energy crisis was occasioned, in part, by
11 this nation's increased dependence upon foreign crude sources and the sub-
12 sequent unilateral decision by some foreign governments to reduce those
13 supplies; and

14 WHEREAS this energy crisis could be partially alleviated by the develop-
15 ment of domestic reserves of fuel minerals; and

16 WHEREAS the development of oil and gas reserves offers the quickest and
17 most economic means of providing energy fuels to reduce the impact of the
18 energy crisis; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has many geological areas which are known
20 to be favorable for the exploration and development of oil and gas reserves;
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22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is dependent to a large extent upon the wise
23 development of its natural resources for its economic growth; and

24 WHEREAS the domestic development of oil and gas will reduce this nation's
25 dependency upon foreign sources thereby ensuring a more dependable supply of
26 energy fuels, reducing this nation's balance of payments deficit and strength-
27 ening the national security of our country;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
29 requests the Governor to take immediate action to accomplish the following:

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(1) request that the U. S. Government expedite the transfer of state- and Native-selected land to those parties entitled to the land;

(2) negotiate an agreement with the U. S. Government or, in the alternative, file a proposed plan with the U. S. District Court for Alaska for the exploration and development of the disputed submerged land areas of the lower Cook Inlet, such agreement to include an arrangement for the escrow of bonus, rental and royalty payments for the leased lands and minerals;

(3) provide for the state leasing for minerals, submerged and upland areas of the Gulf of Alaska and additional land on the north slope of Alaska; and

(4) establish an energy policy for the state which includes the assessment of the state's energy potential, an aggressive long-range mineral land leasing policy and a positive approach to energy resource development in the state.