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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed trans-Alaska
6 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; and

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS alternative trans-Alaskan or trans-Canadian pipeline proposals
18 have been made for the transportation of the natural gas from the North Slope
19 and

20 WHEREAS a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline has numerous and significant
21 benefits to the state and the nation, such as:

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

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

27 (3) it would provide employment of Alaskans and other citizens of
28 the United States in the operation and maintenance of the gas pipeline and
29 related facilities after the construction phase has ended and create

1 additional jobs in supporting industries;

2 (4) the pipeline would, directly and indirectly, create a large
3 and significant permanent tax base for the State of Alaska and its cities
4 and boroughs and would improve the nation's balance of payments;

5 (5) a trans-Alaska line could probably be completed much sooner,
6 thus ensuring an earlier supply of natural gas to the United States;

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

10 (7) the environmental impact in Alaska would be minimized;

11 (8) delivery of Alaska natural gas to the west coast of the United
12 States will permit diversion of existing gas supplies to the midwest and
13 eastern United States markets to assist in providing those markets with ade-
14 quate supplies at moderate prices;

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

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor
22 to take the necessary action to assure that the interest of the State of
23 Alaska is fully represented before the Federal Power Commission or any other
24 federal agency having jurisdiction over the disposition of the gas produced
25 from state lands.