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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal cooperation with the
6 State of Alaska in the provision of geo-
7 logical and geographical data regarding
8 offshore areas.

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

10 WHEREAS the efficient and environmentally sound development of America's
11 outer continental petroleum resources is in the best interests of the people
12 of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS sixty per cent of America's outer continental shelf lies off the
14 coast of Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS it has been estimated that between three and thirty-three
16 billion barrels of petroleum reserves lie beneath Alaska's outer continental
17 shelf; and

18 WHEREAS exploration for and development of these outer continental shelf
19 resources will, without proper planning and coordination, place unnecessary
20 social, financial and environmental burdens on the State of Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS the state's own resource management programs of its submerged
22 lands and tidelands areas are vitally affected by federal actions on the
23 outer continental shelf;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully
25 requested to direct the U. S. Department of the Interior, the U. S. Geological
26 Survey, the Bureau of Land Management, and other appropriate federal agencies
27 to provide, at the earliest possible time, full and complete cooperation to
28 the State of Alaska in the form of access to federal information on the geo-
29 logy, geophysics, geography, resource base and any other relevant data

1 relating to the outer continental shelf that will assist the state in plan-
2 ning for and managing its own resource development programs and planning for
3 and managing the onshore impacts of federal resource development programs.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil Andrus, Secretary of the
6 Interior; the Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Director of the
7 Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
8 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
9 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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