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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to research on ice fog.

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

7 WHEREAS during many of the winter months Fairbanks, Alaska is plagued by
8 the phenomenon commonly known as ice fog; and

9 WHEREAS ice fog is produced when water vapor produced as a by-product of
10 combustion of fossil fuels meets extremely cold air and forms tiny crystals
11 which remain suspended in the air; and

12 WHEREAS colder air above the city and lack of wind prevent these
13 crystals from dispersing, and the resulting accumulations result in a fog of
14 extreme opacity and thickness; and

15 WHEREAS the resulting lessened visibility engenders hazardous driving
16 conditions, especially threatening to children walking to and from school;
17 and

18 WHEREAS the problem of ice fog becomes worse each year with increasing
19 population and vehicle densities; and

20 WHEREAS theoretical and applied research directed at the elimination of
21 ice fog is needed;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the
23 United States is urgently requested to appropriate the necessary funds so
24 that theoretical and applied research directed at elimination of ice fog can
25 begin at the earliest possible time.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
27 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
28 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
29 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.