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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting Congress to repeal the
6 provisions of the Alaska Statehood
7 Act that require the State of Alaska
8 to retain the mineral resources on
9 lands received by the State from the
10 United States and transferred to
11 private ownership.

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

13 WHEREAS the citizens of Alaska should be entitled to the same legal
14 rights of land ownership as citizens of the other states; and

15 WHEREAS the private ownership of minerals on private land will facili-
16 tate the most appropriate allocation of resources and expand the private
17 economy of Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS sec. 6(i) of the Alaska Statehood Act requires that all sales,
19 grants, deeds, or patents for any of the lands transferred to the state
20 under the Act be subject to and contain a reservation to the state of all of
21 the minerals in the lands sold, granted, deeded, or patented; and

22 WHEREAS these restrictions in the Statehood Act frustrate the private
23 development of minerals and foster growth and increased expenditures by
24 state government; and

25 WHEREAS these restrictions place a continuing cloud over the full
26 enjoyment of private property ownership by individual Alaskans; and

27 WHEREAS the imposition of these restrictions in the Alaska Statehood
28 Act by the federal government were unfairly forced upon the people of Alaska
29 as a condition of statehood and will adversely affect the economic future of

1 Alaska;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to
3 repeal the provisions of sec. 6(i) of the Alaska Statehood Act that require
4 the State of Alaska to reserve the minerals in lands received by the state
5 from the United States on their grant or sale.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
7 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker
8 of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
9 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
10 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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