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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Expressing the sense of the Alaska

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Legislature that the state's coal

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resources be developed for sale and

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export to the Republic of Korea.

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

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WHEREAS there are vast reserves of coal in Alaska, much of which is

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located in close proximity to, or could be readily delivered to, Alaska

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ports for export; and

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WHEREAS the economic possibilities of mining coal in commercial quanti-

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ties for export has only recently been brought to the attention of state

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officials and interested private parties; and

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WHEREAS Alaskans understand that, if the state's coal is to find a

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market in the nations of the Pacific Rim, the state should begin a program

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of determining the size of reserves, constructing the transportation facili-

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ties to move coal to deepwater ports, providing financial assistance to

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parties proposing to mine coal reserves, and scheduling lease sales of

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state-owned reserves; and

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WHEREAS, as a necessary adjunct to encouraging the commercial develop-

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ment of coal reserves, the legislature must examine state taxation and

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regulatory policies affecting coal mining; and

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WHEREAS officials and businesses of the Republic of Korea have ex-

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pressed interest in Alaska's coal and have counseled state officials to plan

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now for the development of coal reserves in the state for export to that

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East Asian nation and to Pacific Rim markets generally; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature can play a significant role in providing

1 for the diversification of the state's economy, and is interested in giving  
2 special attention to the development of the state's coal reserves;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it

4 (1) is interested in the development and export of Alaska's coal  
5 reserves;

6 (2) intends to take action which will commit the resources of the  
7 state to the location of markets for those reserves and to construction of  
8 the facilities that will permit the coal to be transported for export to  
9 those markets;

10 (3) will review the taxation and regulatory burdens imposed on  
11 those who plan to develop those reserves; and

12 (4) looks with great anticipation at the sale of quantities of  
13 coal to the people of the Republic of Korea.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Yong Shik Kim, Ambassador of  
15 the Republic of Korea to the United States, for transmittal to the Honorable  
16 Chun Doo Hwan, President of the Republic of Korea, and to the Consul of the  
17 Republic of Korea in Anchorage, Yong Kwon Kim.

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