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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COAL

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50 (Coal)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Expressing the sense of the Alaska  
6 Legislature that the state's coal  
7 resources be developed for sale and  
8 export.

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

10 WHEREAS there are vast reserves of coal in Alaska, much of which is  
11 located in close proximity to, or could be readily delivered to, Alaska  
12 ports for export; and

13 WHEREAS the economic possibilities of mining coal in commercial quanti-  
14 ties for export has only recently been brought to the attention of state  
15 officials and interested private parties; and

16 WHEREAS Alaskans understand that, if the state's coal is to find a  
17 market in the nations of the Pacific Rim, the state should begin a program  
18 of determining the size of reserves, constructing the transportation facili-  
19 ties to move coal to deepwater ports, providing financial assistance to  
20 parties proposing to mine coal reserves, and scheduling lease sales of  
21 state-owned reserves; and

22 WHEREAS, as a necessary adjunct to encouraging the commercial develop-  
23 ment of coal reserves, the legislature must examine state taxation and  
24 regulatory policies affecting coal mining; and

25 WHEREAS officials and businesses of the Republic of Korea have ex-  
26 pressed interest in Alaska's coal and have counseled state officials to plan  
27 now for the development of coal reserves in the state for export to that  
28 East Asian nation and to Pacific Rim markets generally; and

29 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 and the Nations of the Pacific  
14 Rim.

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