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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50 (Resources)

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 the State of Alaska is on the threshold of becoming a major
11 coal exporter; and

12 WHEREAS there are vast reserves of coal in Alaska which could be
13 delivered to Alaska ports for export; and

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

17 WHEREAS, if the state's coal is to find national and international
18 markets, the state should begin to study the advisability of constructing
19 and improving transportation facilities to move coal to deepwater ports, and
20 to examine the need for providing financial assistance to parties proposing
21 to mine coal reserves; and

22 WHEREAS there is a need for the state to be prepared to schedule lease
23 sales to meet market demands for coal; and

24 WHEREAS officials and businesses have counseled state officials on
25 plans to develop and export coal to national and international markets; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature can play a significant role in providing
27 for economic diversification, and is interested in giving special attention
28 to coal reserves development;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it

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

3 (2) is interested in providing a stable economic and taxation
4 climate to developers and producers of coal;

5 (3) is interested in the location of markets for coal reserves
6 and the identification of transportation facilities that will permit the
7 coal to be moved to markets; and

8 (4) looks forward to the sale and export of quantities of coal on
9 a national and international basis; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that it sends its compliments and thanks to the people
11 of the Republic of Korea for making the first purchase of coal from Alaska,
12 thereby introducing the state to world coal markets.

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