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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to financing of the Alaska
6 Highway natural gas pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS negotiations are underway between the State of Alaska and certain
9 parties to secure adequate financing for the construction of the proposed
10 Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline; and

11 WHEREAS construction of the Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline has not
12 yet started; and

13 WHEREAS much time has passed since the Alaska Highway natural gas pipe-
14 line project was proposed; and

15 WHEREAS the present \$43 billion estimate cost of the Alaska Highway
16 natural gas pipeline is nearly three times the original 1977 estimate with
17 construction costs expected to rise by at least \$6 billion each year that
18 construction of the pipeline is delayed; and

19 WHEREAS Congress has recently passed a waiver package that removed
20 certain obstacles to securing the necessary financing for the Alaska Highway
21 natural gas pipeline; and

22 WHEREAS the construction of a natural gas pipeline and the concomitant
23 availability of natural gas liquids would be of great benefit to Alaskans in
24 providing for their energy needs at reasonable costs and would encourage the
25 creation of a petrochemical industry in the state;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
27 the Governor to press forward with investigations concerning the financing of
28 the Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline so that any proposals may be presented
29 to the Joint Oil and Gas Committee of the Second Session of the Twelfth

1 Legislature; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposal to be presented to the Thirteenth
3 Legislature include the right of the state to remove methane gas and gas
4 liquids as its royalty interest with options to obtain additional gas
5 liquids; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that if further delays in the negotiations over the
7 Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline appear to be likely, the Governor is
8 respectfully urged to explore other gas transportation alternatives including
9 proposals that would transport both dry and liquid gas to tidewater wholly
10 within the state.

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