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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the need for Congress-
6 sional hearings on Arctic science
7 policy.

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

9 WHEREAS the Arctic contains resources, including petroleum, strategic
10 minerals, and fish, which are of vital importance to the nation; and

11 WHEREAS the Arctic has national strategic importance due to its loca-
12 tion; and

13 WHEREAS activities related to defense are particularly difficult in the
14 Arctic environment; and

15 WHEREAS the Arctic environment poses unique health problems and has
16 effects on health that are not adequately understood; and

17 WHEREAS in many instances the scientific and industrial communities
18 lack information on which to base decisions to develop Arctic resources,
19 conduct military operations, or understand Arctic health problems; and

20 WHEREAS only a long-term, coordinated research program can develop the
21 necessary Arctic expertise; and

22 WHEREAS a research program requires the partnership of government,
23 industry, the scientific community, and others which partnership does not
24 presently exist;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to
26 convene hearings on developing an Arctic science policy.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond,
28 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill,
29 Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Caspar

1 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James B. Edwards, Secretary
2 of Energy; the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; and to
3 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
4 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
5 delegation in Congress.

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