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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting Congress to repeal the

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provisions of the Alaska Statehood

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Act that require the State of

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Alaska to retain the mineral re-

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sources on lands received by the

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State from the United States and

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transferred to private ownership.

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

13 WHEREAS the citizens of Alaska should be entitled to the same legal

14 rights of land ownership as citizens of the other states; and

15 WHEREAS the private ownership of minerals on private land will facili-

16 tate the most appropriate allocation of resources and expand the private

17 economy of Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS sec. 6(i) of the Alaska Statehood Act requires that all sales,

19 grants, deeds, or patents for any of the lands transferred to the state

20 under the Act be subject to and contain a reservation to the state of all

21 of the minerals in the lands sold, granted, deeded, or patented; and

22 WHEREAS these restrictions in the Statehood Act frustrate the private

23 development of minerals and foster growth and increased expenditures by

24 state government; and

25 WHEREAS these restrictions place a continuing cloud over the full

26 enjoyment of private property ownership by individual Alaskans; and

27 WHEREAS the imposition of these restrictions in the Alaska Statehood

28 Act by the federal government were unfairly forced upon the people of

29 Alaska as a condition of statehood and will adversely affect the economic

1 future of Alaska;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to
3 repeal the provisions of sec. 6(i) of the Alaska Statehood Act that require
4 the State of Alaska to reserve the minerals in lands received by the state
5 from the United States on their grant or sale.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
7 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker
8 of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
9 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
10 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.