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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE ALASKA
STATEHOOD COMMISSION

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Opposing the extension of the provisions

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of the Export Administration Act of 1979

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that effectively bans the export of

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Alaska North Slope oil.

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

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WHEREAS the Export Administration Act of 1979 mandates controls that

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have resulted in a ban on the export of North Slope crude oil to foreign

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countries, except for oil swaps with Mexico and Canada; and

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WHEREAS the export ban frustrates the goal of energy self-sufficiency

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and national security by retarding the further development of Alaska's oil

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resources; and

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WHEREAS, low demand coupled with lack of adequate refining capacity on

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the West Coast, as well as the absence of any pipeline from there to the

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East Coast, have led to an oil surplus requiring Alaska crude oil to be

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shipped to the eastern United States through the Panama Canal; and

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WHEREAS the export ban created by the Export Administration Act of

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1979 depresses the wellhead value of Alaska North Slope crude oil by effec-

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tively requiring oil shipment on high-priced Jones Act tankers to the wrong

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markets; and

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WHEREAS ending the export ban on crude oil from the North Slope could

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increase federal revenues by \$1.2 to \$1.8 billion a year; and

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WHEREAS the export of Alaska crude oil could decrease our nation's \$16

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billion trade deficit with Japan; and

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WHEREAS removing the crude oil ban could increase Alaska North Slope

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wellhead prices by \$2 to \$3 billion a year and state revenue by \$500 to

1 \$800 million a year; and

2 WHEREAS the Act expires on September 30, 1983 unless extended by the
3 U.S. Congress, or upon any prior date which the President by proclamation
4 may designate;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
6 the United States Congress to not reenact or extend that part of the Export
7 Administration Act of 1979 that operates to ban export of North Slope crude
8 oil to foreign countries; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Congressional delegation is urged to
10 actively oppose extension of the Export Administration Act of 1979 and to
11 encourage the President to designate by proclamation an expiration of the
12 Act's North Slope crude oil controls prior to the September 30, 1983 date.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
14 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Presi-
15 dent of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of
16 the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
17 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
18 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.