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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to crude oil exports.

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

7 WHEREAS the United States Congress has extended the life of the Export  
8 Administration Act (EAA) prohibiting the export of North Slope crude oil;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS the right of Alaska to freely enter the international trade in  
11 hydrocarbons enjoyed by the other 49 states is impaired by the action of  
12 the United States Congress extending the EAA; and

13 WHEREAS the export of Alaska crude oil could result in a large in-  
14 crease in federal and state revenue; and

15 WHEREAS the balance of trade deficit that the United States has with  
16 its Pacific Rim trading partners could be significantly decreased by the  
17 export of Alaskan crude oil to those nations; and

18 WHEREAS a majority of the Alaska Legislature's Joint Oil and Gas  
19 Committee endorsed on May 17, 1983, exporting Alaskan oil and natural gas;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS the current oversupply of hydrocarbons on the West Coast will  
22 be further increased when the off-shore Santa Barbara oil field comes into  
23 production forcing Alaskan crude oil products to even more distant and less  
24 profitable markets on the Gulf Coast;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Governor  
26 to formally announce an intention by the state to challenge the constitu-  
27 tionality of the EAA by declaring Alaska's right to export on a one-time  
28 basis 200,000 barrels of North Slope crude oil to a buyer in a Pacific Rim  
29 nation for the purpose of asserting Alaska's right to freely enter the

1 international trade in hydrocarbons that the other 49 states enjoy; and be  
2 it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor enter into contract negotiations  
4 with a United States ocean shipper for the purpose of transporting the  
5 200,000 barrels of crude oil from Valdez to a buyer in a Pacific Rim  
6 nation; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor notify North Slope producers that  
8 on a date certain the state will take delivery of 200,000 barrels of the  
9 state's royalty oil for the one-time shipment to a buyer in a Pacific Rim  
10 nation.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
12 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-  
13 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-  
14 able Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;  
15 the Honorable Dante Fascell, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs  
16 Committee; the Honorable John Heinz, the Honorable William Proxmire, the  
17 Honorable John Tower, the Honorable Alan Cranston, members of the Export  
18 Administration Act Conference Committee; and to the following United States  
19 Congressmen, members of the U.S. House Conference Committee on the Export  
20 Administration Act: the Honorables Don Bonker, Dante Fascell, Lee  
21 Hamilton, Gus Yatron, Steve Solarz, Andy Ireland, Dan Mika, Michael Barnes,  
22 Howard Wolpe, Sam Gejdenson, Howard Berman, Toby Ropth, Olympia Snowe,  
23 Gerald Solomon, Douglas Bereuter, Ed Zschau, Sam Gibbons, Jim Jones, Bill  
24 Frenzel, Beverly Byron, Earl Hutto, and Jim Courter; and to the Honorable  
25 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the  
26 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
27 in Congress.