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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a natural gas pipeline.

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

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WHEREAS the strength and well being of Alaska's economy will depend on

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long-term energy sources; and

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WHEREAS declining revenue is requiring that the state execute its

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resource planning with a minimum amount of speculation and preconstruction

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expenditures in developing long-term energy resources; and

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WHEREAS in-state uses of the state's resources will benefit citizens

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most directly with increases in employment as well as lower energy costs;

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WHEREAS in-state use of our resources decreases our dependency on

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products and pricing of domestic and foreign suppliers, thus helping to end

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our vulnerability to world resource market depressions; and

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WHEREAS one of Alaska's most abundant, usable, long-term, environ-

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mentally efficient energy sources is natural gas; and

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WHEREAS the residents of Alaska's interior and railbelt need an energy

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source for home heating and electrical generation; and

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WHEREAS a major generating source is needed at each end of the

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Fairbanks - Anchorage intertie; and

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WHEREAS a natural gas pipeline will eventually pass near Fairbanks if

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North Slope gas is transported to tidewater; and

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WHEREAS both in-state uses and foreign marketing will depend on the

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construction of such a line;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska state legislature encourages the gover-

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nor to consider, as an alternative to other energy proposals, the long-term

1 benefits to residents of the state from a natural gas pipeline from the
2 North Slope to Fairbanks, with spurs to other Interior communities; and be
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4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature will cooperate with the adminis-
5 tration to remove political barriers that may have delayed progress in
6 building an intrastate pipeline.