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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the University of Alaska

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School of Mineral Industry, Mineral

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Industry Research Laboratory and Mining

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Extension Program.

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

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WHEREAS the University of Alaska School of Mineral Industry, Mineral

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Industry Research Laboratory and Mining Extension Program has a history of

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distinguished service as a leader in scientific and technical research and

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education related to the mining industry; and

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WHEREAS the placer mining industry is currently faced with a strenuous

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challenge to develop economically feasible methods of gold recovery and

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wastewater management to comply with the stringent standards of water

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quality, including the turbidity standard, demanded by current state and

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federal regulations; and

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WHEREAS the placer mining industry contributes as much as

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\$127,000,000, including economic multipliers into the Alaskan economy; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska legislature has appropriated funds for the purposes

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of furthering innovative research into wastewater management techniques

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that will help the industry meet the water quality standards that have been

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adopted; and

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WHEREAS the economic and environmental well being of the state would

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be enhanced should these research efforts succeed;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the University of

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Alaska School of Mineral Industry, Mineral Industry Research Laboratory and

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Mining Extension Program endeavor to conduct innovative research with the

1 goal in mind of achieving significant advances in mineral industry waste-
2 water management and other techniques that will enable the placer gold
3 mining industry to economically comply with the stringent federal and state
4 water quality regulations, including that of turbidity; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that as new techniques are developed, the University
6 of Alaska School of Mineral Industry, Mineral Industry Research Laboratory
7 and Mining Extension Program work to bring advances in wastewater manage-
8 ment and other techniques, from whatever sources, to the miner in the
9 field.