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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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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 the export of Alaska oil.

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

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WHEREAS all states are created equal in the United States of America;

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and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state prohibited from export-

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ing petroleum; and

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WHEREAS the United States currently exports 600,000 barrels per day of

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refined petroleum products, including 10,000 barrels per day to the Soviet

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Union; and

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WHEREAS the export of Alaska crude oil would significantly improve the

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defensive capabilities of our allies that are Pacific Rim nations; and

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WHEREAS, due to the International Energy Agreement, if a world-wide

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oil shortage were to occur today, the United States would be required to

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export 500,000 barrels per day to Japan and other participating countries;

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WHEREAS the current and prospective trade balance deficit is detri-

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mental to the economy of the United States; and

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WHEREAS Japan, Korea, and Taiwan have each expressed interest in ob-

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taining Alaskan crude oil to diversify their oil sources and moderate the

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panic buying in the spot market that results in exorbitant price increases

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for everyone; and

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WHEREAS a trade-off of importing an equal amount of oil exported from

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Mexico and Venezuela would enhance the financial stability of our southern

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neighboring countries and help them pay their debts to the American finan-

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cial market and the World Bank; and

1           WHEREAS it costs \$4 per barrel more to ship oil from Alaska through  
2 the Panama Canal and to the Gulf Coast than to ship directly to Japan; and

3           WHEREAS for every dollar saved on transportation \$.60 goes to the  
4 federal government, and hence indirectly to American taxpayers; and

5           WHEREAS exporting only one tanker of oil a day would net the Federal  
6 Treasury another \$175 million a year and would decrease the national trade  
7 deficit with Japan by \$2 billion a year; and

8           WHEREAS the American consumer, the federal government, and the State  
9 of Alaska are all losing because the maritime industry is being subsidized  
10 for inefficient service; and

11           WHEREAS the cost of shipping Alaska's oil to the Gulf and Eastern  
12 States is an unnecessary burden on the consumers of those states; and

13           WHEREAS the Alaska oil export ban is special interest legislation that  
14 hurts the entire country;

15           BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to  
16 lift the ban on export of Alaskan natural oil.

17           COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
18 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-  
19 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-  
20 able Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;  
21 the Honorable Robert Dole, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the  
22 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and  
23 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
24 tion in Congress; the National Conference of State Legislatures; and the  
25 Council of State Governments.