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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

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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 foreign export of

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Alaskan crude oil.

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

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WHEREAS Congress is now considering legislation that includes pro-

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visions concerning the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil; and

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WHEREAS there are proposals before Congress to change existing federal

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law that effectively prohibit the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil; and

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WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would improve the national

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security of the United States by strengthening the defensive capabilities

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of our Pacific Rim allies; and

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WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would encourage increased

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domestic oil exploration and development; and

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

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obtaining Alaskan crude oil to diversify their energy sources; and

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WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would decrease the federal

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trade deficit with these nations; and

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WHEREAS exporting Alaskan crude oil to these nations would mitigate

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panic buying in the spot markets, thus moderating the cost of petroleum

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products for all consumers; and

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WHEREAS it is far more costly to ship oil from Alaska through the

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Panama Canal and to the Gulf Coast than to ship directly to the Pacific

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Rim; and

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WHEREAS the additional cost of shipping Alaska's oil to the Gulf Coast

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and Eastern states imposes an unnecessary burden on the consumers of those

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states; and

1 WHEREAS under the International Energy Agreement, the United States is
2 required to export crude oil to participating nations in the event of a
3 worldwide disruption of oil supplies;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
5 the United States Congress to enact laws providing for the export of all
6 Alaskan crude oil; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska congressional delegation is urged to
8 continue using its best efforts to obtain passage of legislation permitting
9 the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil.

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