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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the export of Alaska oil.

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

7 WHEREAS the foreign export of Alaska North Slope crude oil would
 8 provide an incentive for further domestic oil exploration and development;
 9 and

10 WHEREAS further oil exploration and development would enhance the
 11 nation's energy and economic security; and

12 WHEREAS the petroleum industry is presently experiencing severe
 13 economic difficulties; and

14 WHEREAS Japan, Korea, and Taiwan have expressed an interest in
 15 purchasing Alaska North Slope crude oil to diversify their energy sources;
 16 and

17 WHEREAS the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil would decrease the
 18 federal trade deficit with these nations; and

19 WHEREAS a Taiwanese company will take first delivery of Alaska Cook
 20 Inlet oil in 1987 under an oil export license issued by the U.S. Department
 21 of Commerce; and

22 WHEREAS it is far more costly to ship Alaska North Slope crude oil
 23 through the Panama Canal and to the Gulf Coast than to ship the oil
 24 directly to the Pacific Rim; and

25 WHEREAS the additional cost of shipping Alaska North Slope crude oil
 26 to the Gulf Coast and eastern states imposes an unnecessary burden on the
 27 consumers of those states; and

28 WHEREAS under the International Energy Agreement, the United States is
 29 required to export crude oil to participating nations in the event of a

1 worldwide disruption of oil supplies;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
3 the United States Congress to enact laws providing for the export of Alaska
4 crude oil, regardless of the oil's point of production within the state;
5 and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska congressional delegation is urged to
7 continue using its best efforts to obtain passage of legislation permitting
8 the foreign export of Alaska crude oil, regardless of the oil's point of
9 production within the state.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
11 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush,
12 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
13 Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
14 Honorable Robert Byrd, 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.