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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a proposed federal ban on

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the export of crude oil and refined oil

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products.

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

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WHEREAS a limited amount of crude oil from state-owned submerged land
in Cook Inlet will be exported to Pacific Rim nations beginning in 1987;

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WHEREAS the federal government has determined that these exports are
in the best interest of the state, the United States, and their Pacific Rim
trading partners, and has adopted the regulations necessary to permit the
exports to take place; and

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WHEREAS the construction financing of a new refinery that has been
proposed for the state is likely to be based on the partial sale that is
permitted by current federal law of the refinery's output of refined oil
products to Pacific Rim nations; and

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WHEREAS other states are currently exporting approximately 617,000
barrels a day of refined oil products; and

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WHEREAS the export of refined oil products benefits the economy and
balance of trade of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, without a hearing, the United States House Subcommittee on
International Economic Policy and Trade added to H.R. 3, the House Omnibus
Trade Bill, sec. 331, which would prohibit the export of all domestically
produced crude oil, as well as the export of all refined oil products from
a refinery that exports more than 33 percent of its production; and

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WHEREAS sec. 331 would effectively cancel existing state crude oil

1 export contracts to China and Korea, and prevent the construction of the
2 new state refinery project that was developed under existing law; and

3 WHEREAS the proposed export limitation of sec. 331 is aimed specifi-
4 cally at the proposed refinery project in the state; and

5 WHEREAS the proposed federal ban on the export of crude oil and re-
6 fined oil products would prevent the state from receiving significant
7 economic benefits during a time of statewide recession; and

8 WHEREAS existing federal law provides for a vigorous review of pro-
9 posed oil exports to assure that the exports are in the national interest;

10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the
11 United States Congress to delete sec. 331 from H.R. 3, the House Omnibus
12 Trade Bill, before the bill is passed.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
14 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-
15 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-
16 able Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honor-
17 able Robert Byrd, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable
18 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
19 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
20 in Congress.