

1 IN THE HOUSE BY SUND AND TAYLOR

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the development of the  
6 mineral resources in the state.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS the development of the state's mineral resources is important  
9 to the future of the state; and

10 WHEREAS it is critical that the development be planned and carried out  
11 in a manner that minimizes the effects on the environment; and

12 WHEREAS it is equally critical that the development be planned and  
13 carried out in a manner that maximizes the economic benefits and minimizes  
14 the socioeconomic disadvantages; and

15 WHEREAS the Quartz Hill molybdenum deposit near Ketchikan, Alaska,  
16 contains over 10 percent of the world's supply of molybdenum; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Borax company has invested over \$100,000,000  
18 in the project since the ore deposit was discovered in 1974 without asking  
19 for financial support or guarantees from the state; and

20 WHEREAS development of the Quartz Hill mine would strengthen the  
21 economy of Southeast Alaska by providing thousands of construction, devel-  
22 opment, and production jobs for an estimated 70 years while creating an  
23 additional tax base for the entire state;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports the develop-  
25 ment of environmentally responsible mineral resource projects as sound and  
26 secure sources of employment and state revenue; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports the issu-  
28 ance of permits for the Quartz Hill molybdenum project to ensure that the  
29 development of the project is environmentally responsible and cost-effec-

l tive, and does not adversely affect fishery resources.