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1 IN THE SENATE BY FAIKS AND SZYMANSKI
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Urging fabrication of oil drilling
6 mini-modules in the state.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS mini-modules are a new generation of oil drilling production
9 modules that have been drastically reduced in size with the advent of new
10 process technology and microprocessor-based instrumentation; and
11 WHEREAS mini-module fabrication in the state would stimulate the
12 growth of an entire segment of businesses and suppliers to support the
13 fabrication effort; and
14 WHEREAS wage rate adjustments during recent years have nearly elim-
15 inated wage disparities between this state and the other principal oil
16 drilling mini-module fabrication sites on the Gulf Coast and in the Puget
17 Sound area; and
18 WHEREAS the nature of the fabrication process is generally within the
19 capabilities of the existing Alaskan work force and fabrication of mini-
20 modules in the state could create hundreds of year-round jobs for state
21 residents; and
22 WHEREAS mini-module fabrication in the state will lead to tremendous
23 economic benefits almost immediately; and
24 WHEREAS mini-modules are generally transported by truck, and Alaska
25 has a highly competitive, deregulated trucking industry; and
26 WHEREAS fabrication in Alaska would mean that delivery schedules would
27 no longer be constrained by sea-lift schedules; and
28 WHEREAS there are numerous privately and publicly owned sites in the
29 state that are suitable for mini-module fabrication;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
2 the Governor to urge the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
3 and the Department of Natural Resources to work with the private sector to
4 foster further development of the mini-module fabrication industry in
5 Alaska.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Steve Cowper,
7 Governor of the State of Alaska; J. Anthony Smith, commissioner of commerce
8 and economic development; Jim Sampson, commissioner of labor; Judith M.
9 Brady, commissioner of natural resources; and to Mark Hickey, commissioner
10 of transportation and public facilities.