

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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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 Canadian development of oil

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reserves in the Arctic.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS Gulf Canada Corporation, the Government of Canada, and the
9 governments of the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories have
10 worked together to find and develop the oil reserves in the MacKenzie Delta
11 and the Beaufort Sea; and

12 WHEREAS it is estimated that 11 wells have been drilled in the
13 Beaufort Sea and at least three wells have been drilled east of the Firth
14 River in the Porcupine caribou habitat area with no apparent harm to the
15 herd or to the subsistence users of the herd; and

16 WHEREAS this commitment to the development of oil reserves in the
17 Arctic has put Gulf Canada Corporation in a position to be in full produc-
18 tion of oil in the Beaufort-MacKenzie area in six to seven years, at a time
19 when Canada, along with the rest of North America, is expected to be short
20 of oil; and

21 WHEREAS in an effort to develop a market for the oil produced in the
22 Beaufort Sea, Gulf Canada Corporation has shipped the oil west through the
23 Beaufort Sea to Japan, exhibiting a tenacity unequalled in the oil industry;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate sends its hearty congratu-
25 lations and expresses its deep admiration to Gulf Canada Corporation, the
26 Government of Canada, and the governments of the Yukon Territory and the
27 Northwest Territories for successfully developing a leading edge in Arctic
28 oil production for the international petroleum industry.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honorable M.

1 Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada; Honorable William McKnight,
2 Minister, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Honorable
3 John H. Parker, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories; Honorable Nick
4 Sibbeston, Government Leader, Northwest Territories; Honorable Ken
5 McKinnon, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory; Honorable Tony Penikett,
6 Government Leader, Yukon Territory; to each member of the United States
7 Congress; and to the chief executive officer of Gulf Canada Corporation,
8 ARCO Alaska, Chevron USA, Standard Alaska, BP North America, and Exxon
9 Company USA.