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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Supporting the environmentally sound  
6 development and construction of a  
7 natural gas pipeline system.  
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:  
9 WHEREAS the Senate strongly supports policies that promote economic  
10 development and diversification in the state; and  
11 WHEREAS the environmentally sound development of the state's vast  
12 natural resources offers the most significant opportunity for the state to  
13 attain the goal of broadening its economic base through economic develop-  
14 ment and diversification; and  
15 WHEREAS it is widely recognized that increasing the cultural and trade  
16 exchange and dialogue between the people of the state and the people of the  
17 Pacific Rim nations is highly desirable; and  
18 WHEREAS Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan had a combined trade surplus  
19 with the United States of \$81,000,000,000 in 1986; and  
20 WHEREAS current oil and gas producers at Prudhoe Bay are reinjecting  
21 natural gas at a rate of 2,600,000,000 cubic feet a day because no trans-  
22 portation system exists to market this vast resource; and  
23 WHEREAS Japan currently consumes 28,000,000 metric tons of natural gas  
24 annually; and  
25 WHEREAS the Japan Gas Association has forecast that Japanese natural  
26 gas consumption will increase to over 42,000,000 metric tons annually by  
27 the year 2000; and  
28 WHEREAS oil exploration, development, and production have occurred on  
29 the state's North Slope without significant adverse environmental effects;

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2 WHEREAS the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System was constructed from Prudhoe  
3 Bay to Valdez without significant adverse environmental effects; and

4 WHEREAS the improved expertise in arctic and subarctic construction  
5 that was gained from previous North Slope oil and gas development experi-  
6 ence has significantly reduced the cost projections for the construction of  
7 a natural gas pipeline; and

8 WHEREAS it has been forecast that over 6,000 Alaskans would be em-  
9 ployed during the last three years of the construction of a natural gas  
10 pipeline and that the peak employment level would be over 10,000;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate strongly supports the environmentally  
12 sound development and construction of a natural gas pipeline system in  
13 order to provide market access for the vast deposits of natural gas found  
14 in the state.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
16 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable Yu Kuo-hwa, Prime  
17 Minister of Taiwan, Republic of China; the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige,  
18 Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable John S. Herrington, Secretary of  
19 Energy; the Honorable Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; the  
20 Honorable Nobuo Matsunaga, Ambassador of Japan to the United States; the  
21 Honorable Byong Hion Lew, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United  
22 States; the Honorable Seiji Arimatsu, Consul General, Consulate of Japan in  
23 Anchorage, Alaska; the Honorable Suk Hong Kang, Consul General, Consulate  
24 of the Republic of Korea in Anchorage, Alaska; Kaz Hayashi, the Alaska  
25 State Representative in the Alaska State Asian Office in Tokyo; the chief  
26 executive officer of Yukon Pacific Corporation; and the chief executive  
27 officer of Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company.