

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26
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 SENATE:
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 stabilize the econo-
21 my of Southeast Alaska by providing thousands of construction, development,
22 and production jobs for an estimated 70 years while creating an additional
23 tax base for the entire state;
24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate encourages the development of environ-
25 mentally responsible mineral resource projects to ensure sound and secure
26 sources of employment and state revenue; and be it
27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports the most cost-effective and
28 environmentally responsible construction, development, and operation of the
29 Quartz Hill molybdenum project.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
2 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
3 Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
4 Honorable Lee M. Thomas, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection
5 Agency; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
6 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
7 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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