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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Support for the recommendations con-

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tained in the report of the Alaska

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Minerals Commission.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the state's history and development have been tied to its rich

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and varied natural resources; and

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WHEREAS the state is committed to an aggressive program of economic

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development, including rural economic development; and

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WHEREAS many of the state's natural resources can be developed in a

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manner that both advances the state economy and protects the public health,

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welfare, and environment; and

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WHEREAS the mining and mineral industry is a major industry and source

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of employment in the state, particularly in many rural areas; and

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WHEREAS the mining industry has enormous geological potential for the

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discovery of commercial ore deposits in the state; and

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WHEREAS the ongoing construction of the Greens Creek and Red Dog mines

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has served to focus world attention on the state as having potential for

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world class deposits; and

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WHEREAS the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature mandated the Alaska

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Minerals Commission to recommend policy and legislative initiatives that

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would strengthen the state's mineral industry; and

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WHEREAS the state minerals industry has the potential to grow more

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rapidly than other segments of the state's economy; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Minerals Commission in its prior two years of

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existence has diligently pursued its mandate;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses and supports
2 the recommendations contained in the Alaska Minerals Commission report
3 presented to the Governor and the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature.