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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to admiralty law defenses of

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Exxon in the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

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

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WHEREAS the oil tanker Exxon Valdez oil spill has caused significant

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damage to the waters of Prince William Sound, the Outer Kenai Peninsula

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Coast, and the waters off Kodiak and, as a result, to the environment, the

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economy, and quality of life in those areas; and

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WHEREAS Exxon officials have indicated that they intend to bear re-

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sponsibility for the effects and the cleanup of the oil; and

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WHEREAS the extent of the liability undertaken by Exxon is substantial

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and is increasing significantly every day; and

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WHEREAS the cost of the effects and the cleanup of the oil spill is,

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to Exxon, a deduction under present law against its tax liabilities; and

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WHEREAS there may be available to Exxon certain defenses under the

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rules of admiralty or other federal law; and

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WHEREAS the extent of the damages may exceed amounts that Exxon is

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responsible for under admiralty or other federal law;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges Exxon to waive

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legally and publicly any defense that it may have under admiralty or other

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federal law for a limitation of the liability for the effects and the

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cleanup of the oil spill.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Lawrence Rawls, Chairman of

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Exxon and Lee Raymond, President of Exxon.