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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to global warming.

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

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WHEREAS there is evidence that the activities of humans are rapidly
8 increasing the amount of greenhouse gases in the upper atmosphere through
9 the burning of fossil fuels and are destroying the ozone layer through the
10 use of CFC's and other chemicals; and

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WHEREAS the evidence is that the increase of these gases and the
12 destruction of the ozone layer will lead to rapid warming of our climate;
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WHEREAS rapid warming of our climate will lead to major environmental
15 damage to ecosystems and improvements upon the land; and

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WHEREAS the people of Alaska have ample opportunities to reduce their
17 use of fossil fuels and ozone-destroying chemicals and to better their
18 standard of living through increased efficiency and available energy con-
19 servation technology; and

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WHEREAS investigating what can be done now will reduce the future high
21 cost of mitigating the likely damages that will result; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska should take a lead role in this issue for
23 the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

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WHEREAS the National Governors Association and the National Conference
25 of State Legislatures are investigating potential actions that states may
26 take to reduce global warming and are preparing recommendations for a
27 national policy with regard to global climate change; and

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WHEREAS the governor of the State of New Jersey has issued an execu-
29 tive order charging state entities in New Jersey to pursue policies and

1 conduct activities so as to reduce the threat of global warming;
2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
3 respectfully requested to investigate possible state policies and proce-
4 dures that can be implemented to determine how the state can most effec-
5 tively combat the problem of global warming.