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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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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 the export of Alaska oil.

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

7 WHEREAS the foreign export of Alaska North Slope crude oil would
8 provide an incentive for further domestic oil exploration and development;
9 and

10 WHEREAS further oil exploration and development would enhance the
11 nation's energy and economic security; and

12 WHEREAS Japan, Korea, and Taiwan have expressed an interest in pur-
13 chasing Alaska North Slope crude oil to diversify their energy sources; and

14 WHEREAS the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil would decrease the
15 federal trade deficit with these nations; and

16 WHEREAS a Taiwanese company has taken delivery of Alaska Cook Inlet
17 oil under an oil export license issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce;
18 and

19 WHEREAS it is far more costly to ship Alaska North Slope crude oil
20 through the Panama Canal and to the Gulf Coast than to ship the oil direct-
21 ly to the Pacific Rim; and

22 WHEREAS the additional cost of shipping Alaska North Slope crude oil
23 to the Gulf Coast and eastern states imposes an unnecessary burden on the
24 consumers of those states; and

25 WHEREAS under the International Energy Agreement, the United States is
26 required to export crude oil to participating nations in the event of a
27 worldwide disruption of oil supplies;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the United States Congress to enact laws providing for the export of Alaska

1 crude oil, regardless of the oil's point of production within the state;
2 and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska congressional delegation is urged to
4 continue using its best efforts to obtain passage of legislation permitting
5 the foreign export of Alaska crude oil, regardless of the oil's point of
6 production within the state.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
8 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
9 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim
10 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George
11 Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted
12 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
13 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
14 gress.