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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

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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 requirements for the car-

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riage of oil in double-hulled tankers.

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

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WHEREAS a study undertaken by the United States Coast Guard after the

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wreck of the Exxon Valdez has found that the loss of oil from the Exxon

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Valdez would have been substantially less if the tanker had been of appro-

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priate double-hulled design and construction; and

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WHEREAS an oil tanker built with double-hulled construction has cargo

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and bunker tanks surrounded with a complete and protective second hull; and

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WHEREAS chemical tankers and gas carriers are already required to use

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double-hulled construction to provide maximum protection for the cargo

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tanks; and

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WHEREAS the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and the

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United States Coast Guard have estimated that double hulls would have

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prevented spills from over 90 percent of the oil lost in groundings and

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from over 80 percent of the oil lost in collisions at sea; and

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WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction provides the highest

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probability of preventing the loss of oil either from groundings or col-

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lisions; and

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WHEREAS the tanker fleet of the United States is overage and will need

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to be replaced in the near future; and

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WHEREAS the additional cost of building a double-hulled vessel in a

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shipyard in the United States adds less than one-tenth of a cent per gallon

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to the cost of crude oil carried over the life of the tanker; and

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WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction can be achieved without

1 a reduction in the cargo carrying capacity of the vessel;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to
3 require all vessels designed to carry oil and constructed after June 1,
4 1990, to be double-hulled and to prohibit the carriage of oil in single-
5 hulled tankers in United States waters after the year 1999.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
7 President of the United States; to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President
8 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas
9 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable
10 George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable
11 Robert Dole, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Richard
12 A. Gephardt, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the
13 Honorable Robert Michel, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representa-
14 tives; to the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; to
15 Admiral Paul A. Yost, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; and to the Honor-
16 able Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
17 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
18 in Congress.