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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to requirements for the car-
6 riage of oil in double-hulled tankers.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS a study undertaken by the United States Coast Guard after the
9 wreck of the Exxon Valdez has found that the loss of oil from the Exxon
10 Valdez would have been substantially less if the tanker had been of appro-
11 priate double-hulled design and construction; and
12 WHEREAS an oil tanker built with double-hulled construction has cargo
13 and bunker tanks surrounded with a complete and protective second hull; and
14 WHEREAS chemical tankers and gas carriers are already required to use
15 double-hulled construction to provide maximum protection for the cargo
16 tanks; and
17 WHEREAS the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and the
18 United States Coast Guard have estimated that double hulls would have
19 prevented spills from over 90 percent of the oil lost in groundings and
20 from over 80 percent of the oil lost in collisions at sea; and
21 WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction provides the highest
22 probability of preventing the loss of oil either from groundings or col-
23 lisions; and
24 WHEREAS the tanker fleet of the United States is overage and will need
25 to be replaced in the near future; and
26 WHEREAS the additional cost of building a double-hulled vessel in a
27 shipyard in the United States is estimated to add less than one-tenth of a
28 cent per gallon to the cost of crude oil carried over the life of the
29 tanker; and

1 WHEREAS double-hulled design and construction can be achieved without
2 a reduction in the cargo carrying capacity of the vessel;

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

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
8 President of the United States; to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President
9 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas
10 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable
11 George Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable
12 Robert Dole, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Richard
13 A. Gephardt, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the
14 Honorable Robert Michel, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representa-
15 tives; to the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; to
16 Admiral Paul A. Yost, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; to the governors
17 of the following states: the Honorable Guy Hunt, Governor of Alabama; the
18 Honorable George Deukmejian, Governor of California; the Honorable William
19 O'Neill, Governor of Connecticut; the Honorable Michael Castle, Governor of
20 Delaware; the Honorable Bob Martinez, Governor of Florida; the Honorable
21 Joe Frank Harris, Governor of Georgia; the Honorable John D. Waihee III,
22 Governor of Hawaii; the Honorable Charles E. Roemer III, Governor of Loui-
23 siana; the Honorable John R. McKarnan, Jr., Governor of Maine; the Honor-
24 able William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Michael
25 Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts; the Honorable Ray Mabus, Governor of
26 Mississippi; the Honorable Judd Gregg, Governor of New Hampshire; the
27 Honorable James Florio, Governor of New Jersey; the Honorable Mario Cuomo,
28 Governor of New York; the Honorable James Martin, Governor of North Caro-
29 lina; the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, Governor of Virginia; the Honorable

1 Edward DiPrete, Governor of Rhode Island; the Honorable Carroll A.
2 Campbell, Jr., Governor of South Carolina; the Honorable William P.
3 Clements, Governor of Texas; the Honorable Booth Gardner, Governor of
4 Washington; the Honorable Neil Goldschmidt, Governor of Oregon; the Honor-
5 able Robert Casey, Governor of Pennsylvania; and to the Honorable Ted
6 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
7 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
8 gress.