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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Urging coordinated research and develop-
6 ment of technology and programs for
7 prevention and cleanup of oil dis-
8 charges.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS the recent disaster in Prince William Sound has emphasized the
11 need for expedited research and development related to better technology
12 and programs to prevent and clean up oil discharges; and
13 WHEREAS the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission has been
14 established to assist state agencies in assessing their research needs and
15 to facilitate cooperation between state agencies, the University of Alaska,
16 and industry with respect to technological issues; and
17 WHEREAS the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation has been estab-
18 lished to award grants for the promotion of basic and applied research on
19 issues important to the state; and
20 WHEREAS the scientific knowledge gained from Alaska's experience with
21 the Prince William Sound disaster and its future effects are of great
22 concern to governments, organizations, industries, and other persons
23 throughout the world;
24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the Governor to direct the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission and
26 the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to explore additional ways to
27 coordinate their activities and the activities of other state agencies in
28 order to achieve the development of better prevention and response tech-
29 niques related to oil discharges; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature respectfully requests the
2 Governor to direct the Science and Engineering Advisory Commission and the
3 Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to explore ways of establishing
4 and funding, as soon as practicable, a Prince William Sound science and
5 technology institute, which would be an integrated scientific research
6 facility in Cordova, Alaska, with a special emphasis on research and devel-
7 opment relating to oil spills in coastal water, and that would provide a
8 central repository and logistical support for research of this type; and be
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10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor consider the possibility of having
11 Alaska host a future conference at which the attention of worldwide experts
12 could be focused on the prevention, consequences, and lessons of oil dis-
13 charge disasters like the one at Prince William Sound.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the members of the Science
15 and Engineering Advisory Commission; the members of the board of directors
16 of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation; and to the Honorable Ted
17 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
18 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
19 gress.