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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Urging adoption of a national energy

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strategy.

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

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WHEREAS the stability of the economy and the national defense of the

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United States are affected by dramatic fluctuations in the supply and price

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of energy sources; and

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WHEREAS it is to the benefit of the United States to ensure the secur-

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ity and dependability of its energy supply; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska is a significant contributor to the

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nation's fossil fuel supply and is a member of the South/West Energy Coun-

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cil, whose members represent the nation's oil-producing states; and

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WHEREAS the membership of the South/West Energy Council has adopted a

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national energy strategy incorporating energy conservation, crude oil,

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coal, natural gas, renewable energy sources, and electricity;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature joins with the other

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members of the South/West Energy Council in urging the President of the

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United States and the United States Congress to develop a national energy

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strategy or national energy management plan designed to provide a stable

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supply of reasonably priced energy in an efficient and environmentally

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sound manner to meet the needs of the citizens and economy of the United

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States, and the security interests of the nation; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the South/

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West Energy Council's recommendation that an energy strategy include

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(1) promoting energy conservation education and technology

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research, including research into superconductivity and alternative fuels,

1 particularly for transportation use;

2 (2) promoting domestic crude oil production in an environmental-
3 ly sound manner, which can be accomplished by providing tax and accounting
4 incentives to oil producers for domestic exploration and production efforts
5 and by including specific investment tax credits for research and develop-
6 ment; and

7 (3) encouraging enhanced oil and gas recovery efforts and the
8 development of a research, demonstration, and commercialization program for
9 unconventional crude sources pursued through a cooperative effort involving
10 industry, higher education, and national laboratories; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strat-
12 egy recommendations regarding management of crude oil imports to the United
13 States, such as diversifying foreign sources of supply, lifting the ban on
14 exportation of Alaskan North Slope crude oil, pursuing a Pan American
15 Energy Alliance, continuing to fill the United States Strategic Petroleum
16 Reserve to its 750,000,000 barrel goal, and eliminating the technological
17 barriers that prevent use of huge unconventional crude petroleum reserves
18 in the Western Hemisphere; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strat-
20 egy recommendations that include greater emphasis on promoting the use and
21 production of natural gas, improving energy conservation efforts such as
22 raising the corporate average fuel efficiency standards for automobiles,
23 providing efficiency provisions in building codes, providing home appliance
24 heating and cooling unit efficiency standards, and developing waste recy-
25 cling or reduction standards for industrial manufacturing; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strat-
27 egy recommendations that call for more active management of federal land
28 that would recognize the potential that public land holds, particularly
29 within the State of Alaska, for environmentally sound development of energy

1 resources.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
3 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
4 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable George
5 Mitchell, Deputy President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader of the U.S.
6 Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-
7 tives; the Honorable James D. Watkins, Secretary of the U.S. Department of
8 Energy; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the U.S. Senate Commit-
9 tee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chair
10 of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce; to the Honorable Ted
11 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
12 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
13 gress; and to Patrick Raffaniello, Executive Director of the South/West
14 Energy Council.