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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Urging the American Petroleum Institute
6 to locate a regional oil spill equipment
7 cache in the State of Alaska.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS approximately 25 percent of the domestic petroleum supply of
10 the United States is produced in and transported from the State of Alaska;
11 and
12 WHEREAS in 1989, the nation's largest oil spill occurred in the State
13 of Alaska and experts from industry and government agree that a lack of
14 equipment based in Alaska severely hampered a response to that spill; and
15 WHEREAS there have been numerous oil spills in the State of Alaska
16 since oil began flowing through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in 1977; and
17 WHEREAS the American Petroleum Institute has recognized a need for
18 caches of oil spill equipment to be located at strategically placed loca-
19 tions around the country, excluding the State of Alaska; and
20 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is currently developing a fully integrated
21 state master oil spill contingency plan that will include coordination
22 between potential oil spillers, local spill response corps, regional re-
23 sponse plans, and multi-agency cooperative agreements; and
24 WHEREAS there exist in the State of Alaska many of the nation's most
25 promising petroleum reserves, including the Arctic National Wildlife
26 Refuge, that the oil industry hopes to explore, develop, and transport from
27 the state; and
28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the American
29 Petroleum Institute's Petroleum Industry Response Organization to locate a

1 regional oil spill equipment cache in the State of Alaska to provide readi-
2 ly available equipment for oil spill response throughout the state.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
4 President of the United States; to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secre-
5 tary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; to Admiral Paul A. Yost,
6 Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; to Charles DiBona, President of the
7 American Petroleum Institute; to Vice Admiral John D. Costello, (Ret.),
8 President of the Petroleum Industry Response Organization Implementation,
9 Inc.; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
10 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
11 the Alaska delegation in Congress.