

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE FINKELSTEIN

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Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources, Transportation, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the use of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel in Alaska.

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

3 WHEREAS Alaska has a large natural-gas resource base; and

4 WHEREAS natural gas is available to approximately half of the state's population;

5 and

6 WHEREAS most vehicles are capable of running on natural gas; and

7 WHEREAS all major automobile, truck, and bus manufacturers in the United States
8 are building and road testing prototype natural-gas vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS natural gas is a safe fuel that, if leaked, dissipates into the atmosphere;

10 and

11 WHEREAS natural-gas refueling stations avoid the problem of leaking underground
12 storage tanks; and

13 WHEREAS the federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 impose much tougher
14 vehicle emission standards beginning with model year 1994, and natural-gas vehicles can meet
15 most of those standards; and

16 WHEREAS natural-gas vehicles produce significantly lower levels of harmful air
17 pollutants such as benzene than do gasoline or diesel vehicles; and

1 **WHEREAS** Anchorage is a nonattainment area for carbon monoxide, and natural-gas
2 vehicles would emit much less carbon monoxide, thus reducing the need for other attainment
3 measures such as oxygenated fuels; and

4 **WHEREAS** on a per-gallon equivalent, compressed natural gas in Alaska costs less
5 than gasoline; and

6 **WHEREAS** natural-gas vehicles require less maintenance than gasoline or diesel
7 vehicles; and

8 **WHEREAS** over 50 natural-gas vehicles currently operate within Alaska;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports and encourages the use
10 of natural-gas vehicles in federal, state, municipal, and private automobile, truck, and bus
11 fleets in Alaska; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports and encourages
13 the rapid development of a natural-gas fueling station infrastructure in Alaska.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor of the
15 Municipality of Anchorage; to the Honorable Don Gilman, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula
16 Borough; to the Honorable Ernie Brannon, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; to the
17 Honorable John Williams, Mayor of the City of Kenai; to the Honorable George Carte, Mayor
18 of the City of Palmer; to the Honorable William Reeder, Mayor of the City of Soldotna; to
19 the Honorable John Stein, Mayor of the City of Wasilla; to Mr. Jeff E. Avila, Field Office
20 Manager, General Services Administration; to the Honorable Jerry Covey, commissioner of
21 education; to the Honorable Frank G. Turpin, commissioner of transportation and public
22 facilities; and to Mr. R.F. Barnes, President, ENSTAR Natural Gas.