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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the essential economic development of the State of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS a report recently published by the United States Department of the Interior has stated that there is a pressing need for definitive data concerning the metallic and non-metallic mineral resources of Alaska which could be the basis of an expanding industrial economy; and

WHEREAS the report further indicates that rapidly accelerating world demands for such resources insure an ultimate market for any Alaska mineral resources and products that can be developed profitably; and that the costs of necessary exploration programs are small in the perspective of current federal programs in Alaska and the returns to the Nation that would accrue from accelerating the industrial and economic development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the report proposes that the Geological Survey conduct appropriate surveys, mapping and studies, with a recommended five-year budget of \$36,000,000; and

WHEREAS the report further proposes supplementary investigations by the Bureau of Mines, with a five-year budget of \$6,000,000; and

WHEREAS the report also proposes establishment of an Institute of Arctic Mineral Resources at the University of Alaska, with a five-year budget of \$8,000,000; and

WHEREAS the report recommends the extension of the Alaska Railroad, saying that the time is right in terms of expected returns for a major extension of the Alaska Railroad to open up the great area north and west of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS the report states that to not undertake the extension of the Alaska Railroad

limit the pace and extent of development of the state to a degree incompatible with the national interest; and

WHEREAS the Department of the Interior's report further proposes the establishment of an Alaska Institute for Fisheries Development, ultimately to be called the North Pacific Fishery Institute, which would rapidly develop both an ideal fishing vessel and processing plant to form a demonstration arm of the Institute to develop the people, the processes, and the products to use Alaska's fishery resource potential;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska heartily endorses the wisdom and necessity of these proposals and urges the Secretary of the Interior to take immediate action to implement them.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William T. Pecora, Director of the Geological Survey; the Honorable Walter R. Hibbard, Jr., Director of the Bureau of Mines; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.