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Supporting the environmentally sound development and construction of a natural gas pipeline system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the Senate strongly supports policies that promote economic development and diversification in the state; and

WHEREAS the environmentally sound development of the state's vast natural resources offers the most significant opportunity for the state to attain the goal of broadening its economic base through economic development and diversification; and

WHEREAS it is widely recognized that increasing the cultural and trade exchange and dialogue between the people of the state and the people of the Pacific Rim nations is highly desirable; and

WHEREAS Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan had a combined trade surplus with the United States of \$81,000,000,000 in 1986; and

WHEREAS current oil and gas producers at Prudhoe Bay are reinjecting natural gas at a rate of 2,600,000,000 cubic feet a day because no transportation system exists to market this vast resource; and

WHEREAS Japan currently consumes 28,000,000 metric tons of natural gas annually; and

WHEREAS the Japan Gas Association has forecast that Japanese natural gas consumption will increase to over 42,000,000 metric tons annually by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS oil exploration, development, and production have occurred on the state's North Slope without significant adverse environmental effects; and

WHEREAS the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System was constructed from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez without significant adverse environmental effects; and

WHEREAS the improved expertise in arctic and subarctic construction that was gained from previous North Slope oil and gas development experience has significantly reduced the cost projections for the construction of a natural gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS it has been forecast that over 6,000 Alaskans would be employed during the last three years of the construction of a natural gas pipeline and that the peak employment level would be over 10,000;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate strongly supports the environmentally sound development and construction of a natural gas pipeline system in order to provide market access for the vast deposits of natural gas found in the state.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable Yu Kuo-hwa, Prime Minister of Taiwan, Republic of China; the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable John S. Herrington, Secretary of Energy; the Honorable Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Nobuo Matsunaga, Ambassador of Japan to the United States; the Honorable Byong Hion Lew, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States; the Honorable Seiji Arimatsu, Consul General, Consulate of Japan in Anchorage, Alaska; the Honorable Suk Hong Kang, Consul General, Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Anchorage, Alaska; Kaz Hayashi, the Alaska State Representative in the Alaska State Asian Office in Tokyo; the chief executive officer of Yukon Pacific Corporation; and the chief executive officer of Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company.