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Relating to the development of the mineral resources in the state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the development of the state's mineral resources is important to the future of the state; and

WHEREAS it is critical that the development be planned and carried out in a manner that minimizes the effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS it is equally critical that the development be planned and carried out in a manner that maximizes the economic benefits and minimizes the socioeconomic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS the Quartz Hill molybdenum deposit near Ketchikan, Alaska, contains over 10 percent of the world's supply of molybdenum; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Borax and Chemical Corporation has invested over \$100,000,000 in the project since the ore deposit was discovered in 1974 without asking for financial support or guarantees from the state; and

WHEREAS development of the Quartz Hill mine would stabilize the economy of Southeast Alaska by providing thousands of construction, development, and production jobs for an estimated 70 years while creating an additional tax base for the entire state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate encourages the development of environmentally responsible mineral resource projects to ensure sound and secure sources of employment and state revenue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports cost-effective and

environmentally responsible construction, development, and operation of the Quartz Hill molybdenum project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lee M. Thomas, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.