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Relating to Canadian development of oil reserves in the Arctic.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Gulf Canada Corporation, the Government of Canada, and the governments of the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories have worked together to find and develop the oil reserves in the Mackenzie Delta and the Beaufort Sea; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that 11 wells have been drilled in the Beaufort Sea and at least three wells have been drilled east of the Firth River in the Porcupine caribou habitat area with no apparent harm to the herd or to the subsistence users of the herd; and

WHEREAS this commitment to the development of oil reserves in the Arctic has put Gulf Canada Corporation in a position to be in full production of oil in the Beaufort-Mackenzie area in six to seven years, at a time when Canada, along with the rest of North America, is expected to be short of oil; and

WHEREAS in an effort to develop a market for the oil produced in the Beaufort Sea, Gulf Canada Corporation has shipped the oil west through the Beaufort Sea to Japan, exhibiting a tenacity unequalled in the oil industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate sends its hearty congratulations and expresses its deep admiration to Gulf Canada Corporation, the Government of Canada, and the governments of the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories for successfully developing a leading edge in Arctic oil production for the international petroleum industry.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honorable M. Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada; Honorable

William McKnight, Minister, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Honorable John H. Parker, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories; Honorable Nick Sibbeston, Government Leader, Northwest Territories; Honorable Ken McKinnon, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory; Honorable Tony Penikett, Government Leader, Yukon Territory; to each member of the United States Congress; and to the chief executive officer of Gulf Canada Corporation, ARCO Alaska, Chevron USA, Standard Alaska, BP North America, and Exxon Company USA.