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Urging adoption of a national energy strategy.

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

WHEREAS the stability of the economy and the national defense of the United States are affected by dramatic fluctuations in the supply and price of energy sources; and

WHEREAS it is to the benefit of the United States to ensure the security and dependability of its energy supply; and

WHEREAS the March 24, 1989, oil spill disaster in Prince William Sound has underscored the need for improved tanker safety, including oil spill prevention and spill response technology; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is a significant contributor to the nation's fossil fuel supply and is a member of the South/West Energy Council, whose members represent the nation's oil-producing states; and

WHEREAS the membership of the South/West Energy Council has adopted a national energy strategy incorporating energy conservation, crude oil, coal, natural gas, renewable energy sources, and electricity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature joins with the other members of the South/West Energy Council in urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to develop a national energy strategy or national energy management plan designed to provide a stable supply of reasonably priced energy in an efficient and environmentally sound manner to meet the needs of the citizens and economy of the United States, and the security interests of the nation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports

the South/West Energy Council's recommendation that an energy strategy include

(1) promoting energy conservation education and technology research, including research into superconductivity and alternative fuels, particularly for transportation use;

(2) promoting domestic crude oil production in an environmentally sound manner, which can be accomplished by providing tax and accounting incentives to oil producers for domestic exploration and production efforts and by including specific investment tax credits for research and development; and

(3) encouraging enhanced oil and gas recovery efforts and the development of a research, demonstration, and commercialization program for unconventional crude sources pursued through a cooperative effort involving industry, higher education, and national laboratories; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strategy recommendations regarding management of crude oil imports to the United States, such as diversifying foreign sources of supply, lifting the ban on exportation of Alaskan North Slope crude oil, pursuing a Pan American Energy Alliance, continuing to fill the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its 750,000,000 barrel goal, and eliminating the technological barriers that prevent use of huge unconventional crude petroleum reserves in the Western Hemisphere; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strategy recommendations that include greater emphasis on promoting the use and production of natural gas, improving energy conservation efforts such as raising the corporate average fuel efficiency standards for automobiles, providing efficiency provisions in building codes, providing home appliance heating and cooling unit efficiency standards, and developing waste recycling or reduction standards for industrial manufacturing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strategy recommendations that call for responsible management of federal land that would recognize the potential that public land holds, particularly within the State of Alaska, for environmentally sound development of energy resources.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable James D. Watkins, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce; 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; and to Patrick Raffaniello, Executive Director of the South/West Energy Council.