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Urging the American Petroleum Institute to locate a regional oil spill equipment cache in the State of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS approximately 25 percent of the domestic petroleum supply of the United States is produced in and transported from the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS in 1989, the nation's largest oil spill occurred in the State of Alaska and experts from industry and government agree that a lack of equipment based in Alaska severely hampered a response to that spill; and

WHEREAS there have been numerous oil spills in the State of Alaska since oil began flowing through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in 1977; and

WHEREAS the American Petroleum Institute has recognized a need for caches of oil spill equipment to be located at strategically placed locations around the country, excluding the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is currently developing a fully integrated state master oil spill contingency plan that will include coordination between potential oil spillers, local spill response corps, regional response plans, and multi-agency cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS there exist in the State of Alaska many of the nation's most promising petroleum reserves, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, that the oil industry hopes to explore, develop, and transport from the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the American Petroleum Institute's Petroleum Industry Response

Organization to locate a regional oil spill equipment cache in the State of Alaska to provide readily available equipment for oil spill response throughout the state.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; to Admiral Paul A. Yost, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; to Charles DiBona, President of the American Petroleum Institute; to Vice Admiral John D. Costello, (Ret.), President of the Petroleum Industry Response Organization Implementation, Inc.; 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.