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Relating to support for the existing federal mining law system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the federal government is and will continue to be the largest landowner in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS 165,400,000 acres of federal parks, preserves, wildlife refuges, wilderness, and other federal land in Alaska are closed to all forms of economic development, including mineral exploration and mining; and

WHEREAS 49,600,000 acres of federal land in Alaska are still open to mineral exploration and mining; and

WHEREAS a healthy mining industry can provide new jobs in many remote parts of Alaska, jobs that are well-paying, year-round, and skilled; and

WHEREAS the existing federal mining law system has served our nation well since it was first enacted in 1872; and

WHEREAS the existing federal mining law system has been amended more than 50 times to accommodate changing conditions; and

WHEREAS mining must already comply with numerous state and federal laws

concerning water and air quality, reclamation, land management, health and safety; and

WHEREAS if individuals and companies risk their time and money in search of economic mineral deposits, they must have a reasonable assurance that they will be able to mine the minerals they find;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports the existing federal mining law system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges the United States Congress to continue to support the existing federal mining law system.

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 Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Edward Madigan, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable George Miller, Vice-Chair and acting Chair, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; 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.