

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT**

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**Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, Labor and Commerce**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Congress and the federal Administration to pursue energy**  
2 **development in the United States to create hundreds of thousands of new American jobs,**  
3 **reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil, provide domestic economic development,**  
4 **and improve our economic and national security.**

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

6 **WHEREAS** the federal government recently offered to support Brazil's efforts to  
7 develop that nation's offshore oil reserves while failing to support development of energy  
8 reserves in the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS** the President recently announced that the United States would become  
10 one of Brazil's best customers when that nation begins to produce oil from offshore oil rigs  
11 operating in up to 14,000 feet of water; and

12 **WHEREAS** the commitment to import Brazilian oil shifts United States dependence  
13 on foreign oil from one region to another; and

14 **WHEREAS** the federal government's moratorium on offshore drilling in United  
15 States water is costing thousands of jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars in lost wages, and

1 potentially billions of dollars in new local, state, and federal tax revenue; and

2 **WHEREAS** the United States is the most stable market in the world and has vast  
3 energy resources ready and waiting to be produced; and

4 **WHEREAS** the federal government should be focusing on increasing responsible  
5 development of the nation's energy resources; and

6 **WHEREAS** the federal government estimates there are 21,000,000,000 barrels of  
7 proven onshore and offshore oil reserves and 134,000,000,000 barrels of undiscovered,  
8 technically recoverable oil reserves in the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS** Alaska's outer continental shelf holds an estimated 27,000,000,000  
10 barrels of oil and 130,000,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas; and

11 **WHEREAS** job creation provides the best means to revive the nation's economy, and  
12 millions of jobs will be created through development of the nation's energy resources; and

13 **WHEREAS** the federal government continues to delay the issuance of new offshore  
14 drilling permits in the Gulf of Mexico and in Alaska's Chukchi Sea; and

15 **WHEREAS** the United States is home to one quarter of the world's coal reserves,  
16 with the energy content of the nation's coal resources exceeding the world's known  
17 recoverable oil supply, and Alaska's coal deposits are among the best in the world; and

18 **WHEREAS** the United States contains an estimated 2,074,000,000,000 cubic feet of  
19 natural gas reserves, including 237,000,000,000,000 cubic feet in proven reserves;

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
21 Congress and the federal Administration to pursue energy development in the United States to  
22 create hundreds of thousands of new American jobs, reduce the nation's dependence on  
23 foreign oil, provide domestic economic development, and improve our economic and national  
24 security.

25 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
26 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
27 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;  
28 the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John  
29 Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi,  
30 Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
31 and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.

1 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.