

RESOLUTION NO. 3532

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF MINES

WHEREAS, the Albany Research Center of the United States Bureau of Mines has been an extremely effective catalyst for private industry since it was established in Albany in 1943; and

WHEREAS, the work conducted by the 120 employees of the Albany Research Center has been tremendously important to our local economy, leading to the creation of thousands of jobs in the rare metals industries in our community alone; and

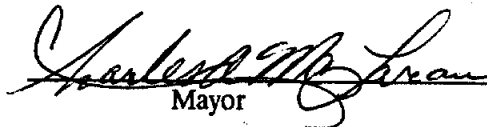
WHEREAS, the research scientists and engineers employed by the Bureau continue to work in close partnership with the private sector to keep U.S. metals industries viable in an increasingly competitive worldwide market; and

WHEREAS, research conducted in Albany has led to the development of groundbreaking new processes and products, including a new process for extracting zirconium from ore, a method to turn low-level radioactive waste into glass, new technology for recovering aluminum from metal scrap without using chlorine gas, and better ways to protect coastal bridges from salt-water corrosion; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives has voted to abolish the Bureau of Mines as of December 31, 1995, despite the tremendous economic, scientific, and environmental benefits of the work done by the Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL to urge the United States Congress to restore funding for the United States Bureau of Mines in the 1995-96 fiscal year. Furthermore, we call upon the Oregon delegation to Congress to support future funding for the Bureau because of its tremendous benefit to the nation, the State of Oregon, and to the City of Albany.

DATED this 28th day of June 1995.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Norm C. Wittman
Deputy City Recorder

