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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SEABED MINERALS.**

2 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
3 2(a) of the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Insti-
4 tute Act of 1984 (30 U.S.C. 1222(a)) is amended by add-
5 ing the following at the end thereof:

6 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
7 not more than \$1,800,000 for each of the fiscal years after
8 fiscal year 1996 to be made available by the Secretary to
9 an institute or institutes experienced in investigating the
10 continental shelf regions of the United States, the deep
11 seabed and near shore environments of islands, and the
12 Arctic and cold water regions as a source for nonfuel min-
13 erals. Such funds are to be used by the institute or insti-
14 tutes to assist in developing domestic technological capa-
15 bilities required for the location of, and the efficient and
16 environmentally sound recovery of, minerals (other than
17 oil and gas) from the Nation’s shallow and deep seabed.”.

18 (b) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 11 of such Act (30
19 U.S.C. 1201 note) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

2 “**This Act may be cited as the ‘Mining and Mineral**
3 **Resources Institutes Act’.**”.

 Passed the House of Representatives July 16, 1996.

Attest:

Clerk.