

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/7/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JAMES, Barnes, Therriault, Austerman, Ogan, Green, Hodgins, Rokeberg, Williams, Ryan

SENATORS Pearce, Kelly, Ward, Halford, Sharp, Taylor, Torgerson, Green, Leman, Miller

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Relating to opposition to the designation of any rivers in Alaska as American
- 2 Heritage Rivers under the American Heritage Rivers initiative.

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

4 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has by Executive Order 13061 created
5 the American Heritage Rivers initiative; and

6 **WHEREAS** the initiative allows a local river community to nominate its river for
7 designation by the President as an American Heritage River; and

8 **WHEREAS** the initiative provides no meaningful protection of state or private
9 property along designated rivers; and

10 **WHEREAS** the initiative creates a new layer of federal bureaucracy and engages 12
11 federal agencies in its implementation;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any attempt by the
13 federal government to further designate or label state property in Alaska or to further
14 federalize public land in Alaska; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes the nomination or
16 designation of any river in Alaska as an American Heritage River under the American

1 Heritage Rivers initiative.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
3 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
4 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S.
5 Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Kathleen
6 A. McGinty, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality; and to the Honorable Ted
7 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
8 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.