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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting that the International Remote Sensing Institute endorse Alaska as a "national laboratory" for the utilization of its remote sensing programs.

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

WHEREAS Alaska has 65 per cent of the Continental Shelf of the United States, 53 per cent of the general coastline of the United States and a land area of 586,400 square miles; and

WHEREAS the minerals of Alaska are truly a national asset and a new appraisal of policy toward them is definitely needed; and

WHEREAS the immense renewable and nonrenewable resources of Alaska's continental shelf have not been identified; and

WHEREAS the interior forests of the state could make major contributions to the economic well-being of the state and, as a renewable resource, are capable of repeated contribution in the future; and

WHEREAS the development of all of Alaska's varied natural resources would yield substantial but incalculable returns to the state and nation; and

WHEREAS the national economy would greatly benefit in its balance of payments position by increasing exports from Alaska, and decreasing raw material imports from other nations; and

WHEREAS numerous agencies, including the United States Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Interior, and Health, Education and Welfare, and the Alaska Departments of Highways, Natural Resources, and Fish and Game, are carrying on separate programs to identify the physical assets of Alaska for such purposes as mining, land management, recreation, water, fisheries, agri-resources, defense strategy, pollution, conservation and timber; and

WHEREAS new techniques in remote sensing are available which make it possible not only to survey and map vast areas in comparatively little time for the purposes of the various governmental programs being carried on now by conventional means, but also to acquire knowledge about other facets of our total environment which have been impossible to determine by conventional means; and

WHEREAS Alaska cannot effectively plan for the wise and comprehensive use of its natural wealth without an inventory;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature requests that the International Remote Sensing Institute, in their annual meeting at Sacramento, endorse Alaska as the "national laboratory" for the utilization of remote sensing for the betterment of man and his environment and so that all the biological, geophysical and geological characteristics of the state can be identified.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Vern Cartwright, President of the International Remote Sensing Institute; and to Robin Welch, Managing Director of the Institute.