

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR THERRIAULT

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to remove Land and Water Conservation Fund**
2 **restrictions on Alaskaland, formerly known as Pioneer Memorial Park.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program was established in
5 1965 to provide funds for the acquisition of land and development of outdoor recreation areas;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, \$400,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grant money
8 was used toward the development of Alaskaland, then known as Pioneer Memorial Park; and

9 **WHEREAS** properties acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation
10 Fund assistance are prohibited from conversion to any use other than public outdoor
11 recreation uses; and

12 **WHEREAS** public outdoor recreation is no longer the sole highest and best use of the
13 park's 44-acre site; and

14 **WHEREAS** historical and cultural preservation are equally as important as
15 Alaskaland's primary uses, providing both residents and tourists with a place where the
16 history and cultural heritage of Fairbanks can be preserved and shared; and

1 **WHEREAS** the restriction on the use of Land and Water Conservation Fund assisted
2 properties is a perpetual restriction that can only be removed by an Act of Congress;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Alaska
4 delegation in Congress to pursue legislation to lift restrictions on the use and development of
5 Alaskaland and urges the United States Congress to swiftly approve legislation to remove
6 restrictions imposed by the Land and Water Conservation Fund on the use and development
7 of Alaskaland.

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader
9 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
10 Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
11 Richard A. Gephardt, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
12 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
13 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.