

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/17/06

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELKINS, Seaton

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to convey land to the University of**
2 **Alaska.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is a land grant institution offering higher
5 education to Alaskans; and

6 **WHEREAS** an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a
7 cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse
8 economy; and

9 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is the successor to and the beneficiary of all
10 federal grants and conveyances to or for the Alaska Agricultural College and School of
11 Mines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, under the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929
13 (45 Stat. 1091), the United States granted to the Territory of Alaska certain federal land for
14 the University of Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Territory of Alaska did not receive most of the land intended to be
16 conveyed by the Act of March 4, 1915, before repeal of that Act by sec. 6(k) of the Alaska

1 Statehood Act (P. L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339); and

2 **WHEREAS** only one other state land grant college in the United States has obtained a
3 smaller land grant from the federal government than has the University of Alaska, and all land
4 grant colleges in the western states of the United States have obtained substantially larger land
5 grants than has the University of Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the largest state in the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS** the federal government is the largest landowner in the state;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Congress
9 is urged to pass S. 293 to facilitate the continuation of higher education in Alaska through the
10 conveyance of certain public land in the state to the University of Alaska; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the conveyance
12 of federal land in Alaska that was identified for conveyance under the Acts of March 4, 1915
13 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), but was not conveyed before Alaska
14 achieved statehood.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
16 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
17 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
18 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis
19 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Majority
20 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of
21 the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Gale Norton, United States Secretary of the
22 Interior; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources
23 Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
24 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
25 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and, by electronic transmission, to all other members of
26 the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 109th United States
27 Congress.