

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the land withdrawal of a

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one-mile coastal strip surrounding

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Kodiak Island.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN

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SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the former Secretary of the Interior, Fred A. Seaton

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during the closing days of his secretaryship arbitrarily withdrew

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most of the one-mile coastal strip surrounding Kodiak Island

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from use by the people of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, this area previously provided a number of people

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settling in Alaska, the last frontier of America, with land

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needed to build homes, develop businesses, and carry on recreation-

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al activities; and

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WHEREAS, this withdrawal seriously impedes the future de-

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velopment of Kodiak Island; and

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WHEREAS, much of Kodiak Island had already been withdrawn

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from public utilization due to the necessities of national defense

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and the establishment of a large bear refuge extending across

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most of the middle and western portions of the Island; and

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WHEREAS, it appears to the people of Alaska that the land

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policy of the federal government discriminates against them in

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favor of bears by being less interested in providing for humans

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than for the comfort and propagation of bruins; and

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WHEREAS, with the advent of a new administration it is hoped

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that the Department of the Interior will review the withdrawal of

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1 land vital to the progress of Kodiak Island;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
3 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the Secretary
4 of the Interior and the Interior Committees of the U. S. Senate
5 and the U. S. House of Representatives are urgently requested to
6 take action to terminate the land withdrawal of the one-mile
7 coastal strip surrounding Kodiak Island; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
9 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
10 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
11 Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman, Senate Interior and
12 Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall,
13 Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to
14 the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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