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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. DEVEAU

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the land withdrawal of a
one-mile coastal strip surrounding
Kodiak Island.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN
SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, the former Secretary of the Interior, Fred A. Seaton,
during the closing days of his secretaryship withdrew most of the
one-mile coastal strip surrounding Kodiak Island from use by the
people of Alaska for the bears and military use; and

WHEREAS, this area previously provided a number of people
settling in Alaska, the last frontier of America, with land
needed to build homes, develop businesses, and carry on recreational
activities; and

WHEREAS, this withdrawal seriously impedes the future
development of Kodiak Island; and

WHEREAS, much of Kodiak Island had already been withdrawn
from public utilization due to the necessities of national defense
and the establishment of a large bear refuge extending across
most of the middle and western portions of the Island; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the people of Alaska that the land
policy of the federal government discriminates against them in
favor of bears by being less interested in providing for humans
than for the comfort and propagation of bruins; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that the Department of the Interior will
review the withdrawal of land vital to the progress of Kodiak

1 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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