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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of

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a mineral research laboratory at

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the University of Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States stressed the
10 importance of minerals and mineral research to the economy in
11 his message to the nation on March 1, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, the wealth and strength of nations depend to a great
13 extent upon the mineral resources controlled and located within
14 their borders; and

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States has ordered
16 a federal study of means to achieve "co-ordinated and comprehensive
17 resources planning in the state of Alaska;" and

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WHEREAS, Alaska, the largest state of the union and often
19 referred to as the treasurer house of minerals, is the least
20 explored from the viewpoint of mineral reserves and those geologic
21 factors affecting land utilization; and

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WHEREAS, the U. S. Geological Survey, the U. S. Bureau of
23 Mines, and the State Division of Mines and Minerals have done
24 and are doing excellent work within their means and structure; and

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WHEREAS, because of the comprehensive volume of new research
26 essential in the mineral industry, all federal, state and private
27 agencies must increase their scope of activities; and

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WHEREAS, Alaska is many miles removed from headquarters
29 offices and major research laboratories of such agencies as the

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1 U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Mines; and

2 WHEREAS, a major research facility located in Alaska and
3 operating under the general plan of "operation research" will
4 make for better co-ordination and faster results of mineral re-
5 search activities as each of the agencies concentrates its
6 efforts in its specialized fields; and

7 WHEREAS, the U. S. Government has shown a growing trend
8 to support higher education and research through such agencies
9 as the National Science Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, research flourishes more in the atmosphere of a
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, the University of Alaska, College campus is well
13 established and centrally located geographically in the state;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully
15 urged to take the steps necessary for the establishment of a
16 mineral research laboratory on the campus of the University of
17 Alaska which can be appropriately and beneficially used by the
18 federal government and other interested agencies; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
20 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
21 the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable
22 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable
23 Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Jerome
24 B. Wiesner, President's Scientific Advisor and Director of the
25 Office of Science and Technology; the Honorable Marling J. Ankeny,
26 Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines; the Honorable Thomas Nolan,
27 Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Honorable Richard
28 McArdle, Chief Forester; the Honorable Burke Riley, Chairman,
29 Alaska Field Committee of the Department of Interior; and the

1 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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