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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to giving the Court of Claims
6 jurisdiction over Native land claims.

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

8 WHEREAS the Native's undisturbed possession of all of Alaska has been
9 encroached upon in recent years; and

10 WHEREAS this encroachment has reduced the customary use and enjoyment
11 of the land by the Natives and threatens the continuation of their cultures;
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13 WHEREAS the treaties and laws enacted to protect the rights of the
14 Natives to their lands have been ineffectively enforced throughout the years;
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16 WHEREAS the Natives have waited in vain for the 82-year-old written
17 promise of the Federal Government to compensate them for their lands;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that Congress confer jurisdiction upon the Court of
19 Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all
20 claims which the Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts of Alaska, or any tribe or
21 band there of, may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

22 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.
23 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett,
24 Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the
25 Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W.
26 Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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