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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of an  
6 Arctic Minerals Center at the Univer-  
7 sity of Alaska.

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

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

11 WHEREAS Alaska, the largest state in the Union and often referred to as  
12 the treasure house of minerals, is the least explored from the viewpoint of  
13 mineral reserves; and

14 WHEREAS the geology of Alaska is very favorable for the deposition of  
15 ore deposits; and

16 WHEREAS the U. S. Geological Survey, the U. S. Bureau of Mines, the  
17 State Division of Mines and Minerals and the University of Alaska have done  
18 and are doing excellent work within their means and structure; and

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

22 WHEREAS every encouragement, assistance and service should be given to  
23 prospectors and companies carrying on mineral exploration projects; and

24 WHEREAS a major mineral research and service facility located in Alaska  
25 for federal and state agencies will create better coordination and faster  
26 results of mineral developments as each of the agencies concentrates its  
27 efforts in its specialized fields; and

28 WHEREAS the University of Alaska campus at College is well established  
29 and centrally located geographically in the state; and

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1           WHEREAS the State Division of Mines and Minerals is now planning a  
2 move to consolidate its offices on the University campus;

3           BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau  
4 of Mines be commended for their excellent past and present work being done  
5 in the state along with the activities of the State Division of Mines and  
6 Minerals and the University of Alaska; and be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is urged to partici-  
8 pate to the maximum degree in establishing and operating an Arctic Minerals  
9 Center at the University of Alaska in coordination with the State Division  
10 of Mines and Minerals and the University of Alaska.

11           COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.  
12 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,  
13 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the  
14 Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W.  
15 Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.