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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF
THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the acquisition of objects
6 of historic, cultural, recreational or
7 scientific value and their preservation
8 for the use, enjoyment and welfare of
9 the people.

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

11 WHEREAS Article VIII, Section 7 of the Alaska Constitution empowers the
12 legislature to provide for the acquisition of objects of historic, cultural,
13 recreational or scientific value and may reserve them from the public domain
14 and provide for their administration and preservation for the use, enjoyment
15 and welfare of the people; and

16 WHEREAS many of Alaska's hidden treasures such as historic totem poles
17 are still standing, yet will decay and be lost forever unless steps are taken
18 to preserve and restore them; and

19 WHEREAS the totems of Southeastern Alaska are the unique art carvings by
20 our native peoples and can be found in no other area in our nation; and

21 WHEREAS these totems are recognized throughout the world by important
22 museums and many of them are being removed from the state; and

23 WHEREAS Alaska taxpayers have helped to pay for many historic sites and
24 objects in the nation such as sites along the Potomac River, in Arlington and
25 elsewhere through the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service,
26 the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to appoint a
28 commission to work actively to obtain funding from the federal government or
29 foundations and organizations interested in preserving historic treasures for

1 our State Historical Museum and other museums throughout the state, and to
2 deter the removal of these objects from Alaska by outside interests.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
4 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,
5 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of
6 Agriculture; the Honorable Wilbur J. Cohen, Acting Secretary of Health, Edu-
7 cation, and Welfare; the Honorable George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director of the
8 National Park Service; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
9 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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