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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to forest fire research.

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

7 WHEREAS fire has been and continues to be a serious threat to Alaska's
8 interior forest resources taking a toll of about one million acres of prime
9 forest last year with suppression and control costs of nearly 10 million
10 dollars; and

11 WHEREAS greater knowledge of fire behavior in different kinds of fuel
12 and weather conditions plus the development of more efficient techniques and
13 practices in the use and deployment of men, tools and machines in suppressing
14 and controlling fires is essential if this tremendous loss is to be stopped;
15 and

16 WHEREAS the Forest Service's Institute of Northern Forestry at the
17 University of Alaska is ideally located for the research needed in these
18 areas and such research would be greatly expedited if additional research
19 scientists were stationed there to work on these problems where they are
20 occurring;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Department
22 of the Interior to consider expanding its present program of research to
23 combat forest fires and their causes and to expand the staff in the Forest
24 Service's Institute of Northern Forestry at the University of Alaska.

25 COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
26 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
27 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender, Chairman of the
28 Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; the Honorable Wayne N.
29 Aspinall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs;

1 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
2 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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