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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the selection of land for  
6 the creation of a Serpentine Hot  
7 Springs State Park.

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

9 WHEREAS the Serpentine Hot Springs, located on public domain near Nome,  
10 Alaska, are among the natural wonders of the state; and

11 WHEREAS these hot springs will constitute an important attraction to  
12 residents of the state and tourists from outside the state; and

13 WHEREAS these hot springs and the surrounding areas should be preserved  
14 from private or commercial exploitation if maximum benefit is to be derived  
15 from them; and

16 WHEREAS presently Public Land Order 399 withdraws all mineral springs  
17 land from public entry; and

18 WHEREAS, if the state is permitted to select the land on which the  
19 springs are located, a Serpentine Hot Springs State Park with an access road  
20 can be created;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully  
22 requests the Department of the Interior to grant a specific exemption from  
23 Public Land Order 399 to Alaska, and amend the Alaska Statehood Act (P. L.  
24 85-508) so that it is possible for the state to select the necessary land  
25 to create a Serpentine Hot Springs State Park.

26 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,  
28 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, U. S.  
29 Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N.

1 Aspinall, Chairman, U. S. House of Representatives Interior and Insular  
2 Affairs Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
3 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,  
4 members of the Alaska delegation to Congress; and to the Honorable Thomas E.  
5 Kelly, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

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