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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a plan for airborne
6 geophysical surveys in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS although there are many significant indications that Alaska
9 is extremely rich in mineral resources, there is less authoritative knowledge
10 of Alaska's geology than of any other state; and

11 WHEREAS since there is not nearly enough area covered by geological
12 or geophysical surveys to attract exploration companies, these companies
13 must be encouraged and assisted by furnishing them the necessary regional
14 preliminary survey data; and

15 WHEREAS aerial geophysical maps would provide basic information which
16 will allow a better understanding of geology for selection of apparent
17 favorable areas; and

18 WHEREAS modern airborne geophysical surveys are by far the most effec-
19 tive, fastest and least expensive method of survey per square mile;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Geological Survey and the Alaska
21 Department of Natural Resources are urged to enter into a cooperative plan
22 to expand airborne geophysical survey efforts in Alaska in order to establish
23 the basic geologic framework necessary for the evaluation of mineral resource
24 potential and to identify specific target areas that could be explored in
25 detail by mining or petroleum companies.

26 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.
27 Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William T. Pecora, Director,
28 United States Geological Survey; the Honorable Thomas Kelly, Commissioner of
29 the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Honorable Harry Hulsing,

1 District Chief of the U. S. Geological Survey in Alaska; and to the Honorable
2 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honor-
3 able Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
4 tion in Congress.

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