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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging Congressional enactment of the
6 proposal for settlement of Alaska
7 Native land claims advanced by the
8 Alaska Federation of Natives.

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

10 WHEREAS the legislature continues to view settlement of the Alaska
11 Native land claims to be of utmost importance to all Alaskans; and

12 WHEREAS proposed federal legislation has been introduced in the 91st
13 Congress of the United States, as S. 3041 by Senator Gravel, S. 1830 amended
14 by Senator Stevens, and H.R. 14212 by Representative Pollock, incorporating
15 settlement proposals made by the Alaska Federation of Natives; and

16 WHEREAS the Federation proposes a \$500 million cash settlement, 40
17 million acres of land, a two per cent overriding resource royalty on public
18 lands and other measures of compensation for the extinguishment of existing
19 and future Native land claims as to aboriginal rights in Alaska;

20 WHEREAS the legislature considers that the proposal advanced by the
21 Alaska Federation of Natives for settlement of the land claims offers a
22 thoroughly reasonable approach for compensating Alaskan Natives for final
23 extinguishment of aboriginal rights which both Congress and the United States
24 Supreme Court have repeatedly recognized; and

25 WHEREAS in particular the two per cent overriding resource royalty on
26 public lands and called for in the Federation proposal offers a practical
27 and fair means of providing a continuing benefit for lands taken;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully urges the Congress of
29 the United States to enact a proposed measure before it which incorporates

1 the proposal for settlement of the Alaska Native land claims advanced by the
2 Alaska Federation of Natives; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed award as part of a settlement of
4 a two per cent overriding resource royalty on public lands is particularly
5 endorsed by the legislature and urged for inclusion in federal legislation
6 enacted in settlement of the Native land claims.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
8 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice
9 President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary
10 of the Interior; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker, U. S. House of
11 Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore,
12 U. S. Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and Chairman,
13 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U. S. Senate; the Honorable Wayne
14 N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman, Committee on Interior and
15 Insular Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted
16 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
17 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
18 in Congress.