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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the "Volunteers in Parks"
6 program.

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

8 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior has instituted a new program
9 called "Volunteers in Parks"; and

10 WHEREAS the program calls for unsalaried volunteer workers to demon-
11 strate arts and crafts for visitors, serve as deputy park rangers and act
12 as interpreters and guides; and

13 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior has excluded Alaska from
14 participation because, according to spokesmen of the Department, Mt. McKinley
15 National Park, the state's largest operation, is too remotely located and
16 there would be a lack of people in the area to volunteer for the program; and

17 WHEREAS, contrary to the unwarranted implications made by the Depart-
18 ment of the Interior, Mt. McKinley is readily accessible and is visited by
19 thousands of persons, with the number increasing each year; and

20 WHEREAS it would be a unique opportunity for many of Alaska's citizens
21 to be able to participate in this worthwhile program and demonstrations of
22 Alaskan arts and crafts would be a rich and rewarding experience to the
23 many visitors as well as a rewarding and educational experience for the
24 Alaska volunteers;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature urges the Department of the
26 Interior to include Alaska in the "Volunteers in Parks" program, and es-
27 pecially Mt. McKinley National Park.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,

1 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,
2 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
3 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chair-
4 man of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the
5 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
6 the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
7 delegation in Congress.