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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Native land claims.

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

7 WHEREAS there are currently pending before the United States Congress
8 several legislative proposals which concern themselves with the settlement
9 of the Alaska Native land claims; and

10 WHEREAS, although it is of the highest priority for the State of
11 Alaska and all its citizens to have the Native land claims issue resolved,
12 any legislation passed by Congress must not hinder the orderly development
13 of the state after a settlement is agreed upon; and

14 WHEREAS, as a portion of at least one settlement proposal, the Secretary
15 of the Interior would be compelled to withdraw all unreserved public lands
16 in Alaska not previously classified for a period of time up to five years;
17 and

18 WHEREAS this requirement would prevent all forms of appropriation under
19 the public land laws, including the mining and leasing laws; and

20 WHEREAS, if this were to occur, Alaskans would be denied the full
21 utilization of these lands for an unwarranted period of time; and

22 WHEREAS it is of the greatest concern to the state and its people that
23 full realization of the rewards attendant to statehood dictate that Alaskan
24 lands be put to beneficial use without further delay;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully urges the
26 U. S. Congress to carefully examine and study all of the Native land claims
27 proposals and to delete from any legislation agreed upon all provisions
28 which would have the effect of withdrawing unreserved public lands in Alaska
29 for a period of five years.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
3 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S.
4 Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee;
5 the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the
6 House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted
7 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
8 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
9 Congress.

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