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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to flood control projects for
6 the North Star Borough area.

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

8 WHEREAS the Tanana Valley from the Canadian Border east of Northway
9 to the confluence of the Tanana River and the Yukon River at Tanana, Alaska
10 has experienced disastrous high waters and flooding for periods of years;
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12 WHEREAS the population center of the Tanana Valley located around the
13 confluence of the Chena River and the Tanana River, more commonly known as
14 the North Star Borough or the City of Fairbanks; and

15 WHEREAS it has been reported in the news media and is general knowledge
16 that the population factor of the North Star Borough and the City of Fair-
17 banks is such that the United States government is considering a flood contro-
18 program for the select area; and

19 WHEREAS the flood control program for this area will effect the protec-
20 tion of life and property in the other areas of the Tanana River watershed;
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22 WHEREAS the life and the property of the residents of the area down-
23 stream on the Tanana River from the boundaries of the North Star Borough and
24 the City of Fairbanks are directly tied to that of the latter area; and

25 WHEREAS any disturbance of the natural flow of runoff by melting snow
26 or rain from the watershed in the immediate Fairbanks area are affecting the
27 hydrologist's predictions of the downstream on the Tanana from these areas;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that if the Corps of Engineers,
29 the United States Congress or the State of Alaska appropriates any funds for

1 the control of water from the watersheds within the boundaries of the North
2 Star Borough that they take into consideration the protection of life and
3 property in all of the other areas of the Tanana River watershed.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J.
5 Clarke, Chief of Engineers, United States Army; the Honorable Allen J.
6 Ellender, United States Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
7 Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, United States Representative and
8 Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens
9 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick
10 Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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