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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81 *AM*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the closure of Mt. McKinley
6 National Park to private vehicles.

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

8 WHEREAS it has been alleged that there is possible administrative
9 action pending in the United States Department of the Interior to close Mt.
10 McKinley National Park to private vehicles; and

11 WHEREAS, if this action were to be taken, Alaskans and Alaska's ever-
12 increasing numbers of tourists would be deprived of being able to explore
13 the park at their leisure; and

14 WHEREAS the park has not experienced any traffic problems due to
15 persons being able to enjoy the flora and fauna in the park in their own
16 vehicles, and none is expected in the foreseeable future; and

17 WHEREAS all visitors to this magnificent park should have the opportunity
18 of exploring and witnessing the many natural phenonema to be found in the
19 park at their own pace; and

20 WHEREAS it is the sincere belief of the Alaska Legislature that the
21 alternative, that of conducting tours through the park on a group basis, is
22 an undesirable and unnecessary one;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests
24 the United States Department of the Interior to immediately cancel any
25 plans the department may have or be considering to close Mt. McKinley
26 National Park to private vehicles.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
28 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M.
29 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the

1 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs
2 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
3 U.S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative,
4 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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