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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Bureau of Land
6 Management's Brooks Range proposed
7 classification area.

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

9 WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska, art. VIII, declares
10 it is state policy to encourage the settlement of its lands and the develop-
11 ment of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent
12 with the public interest; and

13 WHEREAS the state recognizes the right of discovery and appropriation
14 of minerals subject to the mining laws of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska has charged the Depart-
16 ment of Natural Resources with the responsibility on all matters affecting
17 exploration, development and mining of the mineral resources of the state
18 and assisting miners and prospectors; and

19 WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior
20 proposes a classification in the Brooks Range which will exclude mineral
21 development and prospecting; and

22 WHEREAS the Division of Geological Survey in the Department of Natural
23 Resources is planning a concentrated mineral survey effort in the proposed
24 classified area;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska State Legislature, in recognition
26 of the vital importance of the mineral development in the State of Alaska,
27 strongly urges the Department of the Interior to postpone the classification
28 of this area until geological field studies can be conducted.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

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

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