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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Far North Bicentennial
6 Park Proposal.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States is approaching the bicentennial of its birth
9 and the historic events preceding and associated with the American Revolution
10 which are of such major significance in the development of our national
11 heritage of individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment
12 of equal and inalienable rights which have had so profound an influence
13 throughout the world; and

14 WHEREAS it is appropriate and desirable to provide for the observation
15 and commemoration of this anniversary and these events; and

16 WHEREAS the Greater Anchorage Area Borough's Far North Bicentennial Park
17 Proposal has been developed in order to appropriately observe the American
18 Revolution Bicentennial; and

19 WHEREAS the Greater Anchorage Area Borough's Far North Bicentennial Park
20 Proposal has recommended that the 5,000 acre federal surplus land known as
21 Campbell Airstrip Tract be designated as a bicentennial park and that the
22 land be transferred to the Greater Anchorage Area Borough; and

23 WHEREAS the park proposal was developed in recognition of the value of
24 these lands for both active and passive recreation outlets, for the preserva-
25 tion of a large, natural open area, and for the protection of a critical
26 watershed area which will provide a recreational, educational and cultural
27 center; and

28 WHEREAS it is desirable to commemorate America's 200th anniversary by
29 providing a park which will offer enjoyment to future generations of

1 Alaskans in America's third century; and

2 WHEREAS, at the same time the Far North Bicentennial Park Proposal is
3 under consideration, the Cook Inlet Regional Corporation, an entity entitled
4 to receive unappropriated, surplus federal land under the Alaska Native
5 Claims Settlement Act (PL 92-203; 85 Stat. 688), has indicated its intent to
6 file a claim for approximately 1,300 acres of the Campbell Airstrip Tract
7 along its southern boundary;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it endorses both the
9 Cook Inlet Region, Inc., claim to a 1,300 acre portion of the 5,000 acre
10 tract of surplus federal land known as the Campbell Airstrip Tract, as well
11 as the transfer of the remainder of that tract to the Greater Anchorage Area
12 Borough for the development of a recreational, educational and cultural
13 center which will provide for the observation and commemoration of America's
14 Bicentennial Celebration, believing that the recognition of the legitimate
15 claims of Alaska's Native peoples as well as the park proposal would be
16 fitting tributes to the heritage of this nation on the occasion of the 200th
17 anniversary of its independence.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
19 Morton, Secretary of the Interior; Kurt Burkland, Chief, Bureau of Land
20 Management, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
21 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
22 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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