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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Chugiak-Eagle River area.

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

7 WHEREAS the Eighth Legislature passed legislation enabling residents of
8 the Chugiak-Eagle River area to establish a separate political subdivision;
9 and

10 WHEREAS residents of the Chugiak-Eagle River area clearly expressed
11 their desire to form their own local government by voting on August 27, 1974,
12 in favor of the formation of the Chugiak-Eagle River Borough; and

13 WHEREAS the Alaska Supreme Court found the enabling legislation to be
14 special and local legislation in violation of art. II, sec. 19 of the Alaska
15 Constitution; and

16 WHEREAS residents of the Chugiak-Eagle River area have again expressed
17 their desire to establish a separate political subdivision by preparing a
18 petition to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for incorporation
19 as a second class borough; and

20 WHEREAS residents of the Chugiak-Eagle River area demonstrated ability
21 in organizing their local government in the initial stages of incorporation
22 before the decision by the Alaska Supreme Court; and

23 WHEREAS the Chugiak-Eagle River area is integrated in its cultural and
24 economic activities, the area has the human and financial resources necessary
25 for providing local services to its residents, and the boundaries of the
26 proposed borough form an area which is geographically related; and

27 WHEREAS the confusion and uncertainty over the existence of the Chugiak-
28 Eagle River Borough, plus actions by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough,
29 including approval of a bond issue and of a charter commission, which were

1 approved without participation of the voters in the proposed borough, make
2 the time factor critical in the determination of borough status of the
3 Chugiak-Eagle River area;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of
5 Community and Regional Affairs is encouraged to assist the residents of the
6 Chugiak-Eagle River area in preparing their petition for incorporation; and
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Department
9 of Community and Regional Affairs and the Local Boundary Commission to act
10 as expeditiously as possible upon receipt of the petition in determining
11 whether the Chugiak-Eagle River area meets the standards for borough incorpo-
12 ration set out in Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes.