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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Supporting S. 98 and HR 1194.

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

7 WHEREAS S. 98 and HR 1194, bills which would authorize the Secretary  
8 of the Interior to establish the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park  
9 in the states of Alaska and Washington, are pending before the United States  
10 Congress; and

11 WHEREAS the proposed park would consist of a Skagway unit, a Chilkoot  
12 Trail unit, a White Pass Trail unit, and a Seattle unit; and

13 WHEREAS the proposed legislation would also permit the Secretary of the  
14 Interior to consult and cooperate with appropriate officials of the Canadian  
15 Government as well as appropriate provincial and territorial officials in  
16 Canada in order to make the proposed park a truly international historic park  
17 and

18 WHEREAS a main objective in forming the proposed park would be to pro-  
19 tect and perpetuate the historical and natural values of the gold rush trails  
20 and historic buildings relating to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-98; and

21 WHEREAS this scenic-historic-cultural addition to the National Park  
22 System would provide immense economic value to Alaska in the form of expanded  
23 tourist revenues; and

24 WHEREAS the route of the park would traverse one of the most spectacu-  
25 larly beautiful, as well as historically and culturally important, areas in  
26 the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, to date, no area within the National Park System has been  
28 singled out to illustrate the gold rush phase of our national heritage;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it strongly supports

1 S. 98 and HR 1194 and urges the Congress of the United States to expedite  
2 passage of these proposals at the earliest possible time.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.  
4 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,  
5 Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable James  
6 A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the  
7 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the  
8 Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
9 in Congress.

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