

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Objecting to the inclusion of the Kantishna
6 mining area within any proposed addition
7 to Mt. McKinley National Park.

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

9 WHEREAS the mining industry in Alaska is a basic component of the state's
10 economy and is essential to the nation's ready supply and reserve of vital
11 minerals; and

12 WHEREAS the Kantishna mining area consists of the lands and waters lying
13 inside the following described boundary: beginning at the intersection of
14 the range line between Range 20 North and Range 21 West, F. M., and the
15 northern boundary of Mt. McKinley National Park; thence northward following
16 said range line to the township line between Township 12 South and Township
17 13 South, F. M.; thence easterly along said township line to its intersection
18 with the thread of the Toklat River; thence southerly along the thread of the
19 Toklat River to its intersection with the northern boundary of Mt. McKinley
20 National Park; thence westerly and southerly along said boundary to its inter-
21 section with the range line between Range 20 North and Range 21 West, F. M.,
22 the point of beginning; and

23 WHEREAS mining activity within the Kantishna mining area has long been
24 recognized as an established and appropriate use of the area; and

25 WHEREAS other lands within the proposed additions to the park would be
26 adequate without including lands within the Kantishna mining area;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
28 that the above-described lands and waters within the Kantishna mining area be
29 excluded from consideration as a portion of any proposed addition to Mt.

1 McKinley National Park.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
3 President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary,
4 Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor--
5 able Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Represent-
6 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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