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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Commending the United States Forest

6 Service for its Alaska Marine Highway

7 Visitor Information Service program.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Forest Service operates and funds a Visitor
10 Information Service program on the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

11 WHEREAS the marine highway interpretive program is an outstanding and
12 uniquely educational program on the natural history of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the marine highway interpretive program is a valuable source of
14 information on the natural history of Alaska which the public, both resident
15 Alaskans and visitors, has overwhelmingly enjoyed and benefited from through
16 a better appreciation and understanding of our state; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Forest Service expends \$60,000 a year to pro-
18 vide this program which served over 130,000 people in the last year; and

19 WHEREAS the Forest Service program is an exemplary program of coopera-
20 tion between state and federal governments, supported by local communities,
21 business and industry; and

22 WHEREAS the many persons responsible for and active in conducting the
23 program, especially the talented forest naturalists, have enthusiastically
24 worked to help the public understand, enjoy and safeguard the natural and
25 cultural resources of Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature looks forward to continuation of
27 the excellent marine highway interpretive program;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
29 Forest Service and all those responsible for carrying out the Visitor

1 Information Service program are commended for their outstanding work and
2 spirited dedication in providing this valuable public service.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Earl Butz,
4 Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture; Mr. John R. McGuire,
5 Chief of the United States Forest Service; Mr. Charles Yates, Regional
6 Forester; Mr. Robert Hakala, Branch Chief of the Visitor Information Service,
7 Alaska Region; Mr. Donald Harris, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Public
8 Works; and to Mr. William E. Hudson, Director, Division of Marine Transporta-
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