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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the availability of public
6 land for homesteading.

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

8 WHEREAS the federal homestead and small tract laws have been instrumen-
9 tal in encouraging the settlement and development of Alaska by individuals
10 from every part of the country; and

11 WHEREAS the continuation of homesteading and similar programs would
12 benefit the State of Alaska and its people by providing a source of residen-
13 tial land which is sorely needed to provide residential housing for Alaska
14 residents as well as the thousands of families which have recently come to
15 Alaska in search of new jobs and new homes; and

16 WHEREAS the remaining unreserved public land available for homesteading
17 was closed to homesteading and other types of settlement in 1974 by Public
18 Land Order 5418; and

19 WHEREAS, unless substantive efforts are made to clarify the status of
20 lands in Alaska and to make land available for homesteading before the ex-
21 piration of all homestead and small tract laws in October, 1986, the oppor-
22 tunity to homestead in Alaska will have passed forever;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Bureau of Land Manage-
25 ment to work to resolve those problems which prevent homesteading on the
26 public domain and to meet with the Governor of Alaska and the members of the
27 Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission in order to coordinate and expedite
28 the classification of land for homesteading and other residential uses.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cecil Andrus,

1 Secretary-Designate of the Interior; to the Honorable Curt Berklund, Director
2 of the Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
3 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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