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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the issuance of a commemorative  
6 postage stamp marking the 200th anniversary  
7 of the voyage of Captain James Cook.

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

9 WHEREAS 1978 will mark the 200th anniversary of the voyage of Captain  
10 James Cook and his arrival in Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS Captain Cook and his two British Royal Navy ships, the RESOLUTION  
12 and the DISCOVERY set sail from Plymouth, England, in July, 1776, the same  
13 month as this nation's founders framed and announced the Declaration of  
14 Independence; and

15 WHEREAS, nearly two years later, Captain Cook and his crews made their  
16 first landfall in Alaska naming the land they viewed Prince of Wales Island;  
17 as Cook's voyagers beat their way northward along the Southeastern Alaska  
18 archipelago, they spied a symmetrical cone arising from the sea near present-  
19 day Sitka, to which Cook gave the name Mt. Edgecumbe; and

20 WHEREAS, in his vain search for the fabled Northwest Passage, the noted  
21 navigator and explorer discovered and charted the body of water now known as  
22 Cook Inlet, anchoring his vessels, June 1, 1778, just off shore from what is  
23 now Anchorage; and

24 WHEREAS, as a part of the continuing commemoration of events surrounding  
25 the American Revolution Bicentennial, it would be fitting for the United  
26 States Postal Service to pay philatelic tribute to the Bicentenary of  
27 Captain James Cook's significant early contribution to the knowledge of this  
28 Great Land and to his exploration's role in the development of the maritime  
29 history of both Alaska and the American nation;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
2 Postal Service is respectfully requested to issue, in 1978, a commemorative  
3 postage stamp marking the 200th anniversary of the voyage of Captain James  
4 Cook in recognition of his exploration, discovery and charting of the water-  
5 ways of Alaska and his subsequent discovery of the Sandwich (Hawaiian)  
6 Islands, encompassing our sister state of Hawaii; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Postal Service also is respect-  
8 fully requested to designate Anchorage, Alaska as the site for the first day  
9 of issue of this commemorative postage stamp.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Benjamin F.  
11 Bailar, Postmaster General of the United States; the Citizens Stamp Advisory  
12 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
13 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members  
14 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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