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1 IN THE SENATE

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CS SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the forthcoming action by the

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U.S. Congress regarding (d)(2) land with-

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drawals.

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

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WHEREAS the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, Section

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17(d)(2), specified that the Secretary of the Interior may withdraw up to 80

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million acres of Alaska federal land for possible addition to the national

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park, forest, wildlife refuge, and wild and scenic river systems; and

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WHEREAS the U.S. Congress is addressing this issue during the current

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session; and

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WHEREAS a careful inventory of the mineral potential of the land that

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may be included in a management category, which would foreclose mineral

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exploration and development, must be undertaken and completed; and

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WHEREAS access for transportation, recreation, and utilities must be

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guaranteed in all preservation system designations in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, before there is a blanket designation of large areas of Alaska

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as wilderness, the traditional, careful environmental and economic impact

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study must be made on each wilderness proposal; and

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WHEREAS large blocks of land with identifiable agricultural potential

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should be included in management systems which would allow for future agri-

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cultural development; and

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WHEREAS any valid selections made by the state or Natives under the

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Statehood Act or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act should be honored;

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and

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WHEREAS state management of resident game on federally owned land in

1 Alaska must be guaranteed, as the state is in a better position to manage
2 this game and such management was provided for under the Statehood Act; and

3 WHEREAS cooperative federal-state procedures or institutions should be
4 established to make future recommendations or designations on policy, plan-
5 ning, and management of Alaska's federal and state land; and

6 WHEREAS, while it is recognized that there is an existing need for
7 certain land in the State of Alaska to be classified in traditional preser-
8 vation system categories, the areas under consideration are too large; and

9 WHEREAS municipalities in the state support the multiple-use concept,
10 which provides a professionally thorough and unbiased analysis of land-use
11 potential and compatibility of uses, giving appropriate weight to economic,
12 social and environmental factors; and

13 WHEREAS municipalities in the state oppose any legislation that would
14 create instant land-use classifications severely restricting land and re-
15 sources without consideration for other land-use potential;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature formally opposes the
17 provisions of H.R. 39 as originally submitted, the recommended changes pro-
18 posed by Secretary Andrus, and the committee substitute proposed by Congress-
19 man Sieberling, which will designate vast Alaska acreage in single-purpose
20 use systems, precluding the opportunity to further evaluate these areas to
21 satisfy national needs or the opportunity for state selections; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the passage of this bill without (1) a careful
23 mineral inventory and guaranteed access provisions; (2) traditional environ-
24 mental and economic impact studies; (3) provisions for future agricultural
25 development; (4) completion of the selection process by the state and Natives;
26 (5) state game management as guaranteed under the Statehood Act; and (6)
27 cooperative federal-state planning and development, would be against the best
28 interests of the citizens of the state and nation alike; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United

1 States Congress to adopt a version of the Alaska National Interest Lands Act
2 which will incorporate the desires and needs of Alaskan citizens, as ex-
3 pressed in this resolution.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman,
6 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and all members of that com-
7 mittee; Representative Morris K. Udall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular
8 Affairs Committee, and all members of that committee; and to the Honorable
9 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
10 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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