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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the Governor to support
6 Nevada's legal challenge to federal
7 control of public land in that state.

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

9 WHEREAS over 90 per cent of all federal land is located in 12 western
10 states; and

11 WHEREAS federal land in the western states is subject to overregulation
12 and undue restrictions imposed on its use by the federal government; and

13 WHEREAS the constant changes in federal regulations and the resulting
14 confusion have created arbitrary and unreasonable limits to community growth,
15 agricultural, mineral, energy and recreational resource development; and

16 WHEREAS the western states were not admitted to the Union on an equal
17 footing with the original 13 states which retained a majority of their land
18 in state ownership; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Nevada has initiated a proper course of action
20 leading to a responsible legal challenge to federal land policies by enacting
21 legislation which declares state ownership of certain federal land; and

22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is in a similar position to the State of
23 Nevada, since, apart from Native-owned land, less than one third of one per
24 cent of Alaska's land is in private ownership;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the
26 concept of the Nevada challenge to federal control of its land; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges
28 the Governor to join Nevada as a "friend of the court" if a federal court
29 test of the Nevada statute is initiated.