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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging the Governor to support

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Nevada's legal challenge to federal

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control of public land in that state.

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

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WHEREAS over 90 percent of all federal land is located in 12 western

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states; and

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WHEREAS federal land in the western states is subject to overregulation

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and undue restrictions imposed on its use by the federal government; and

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WHEREAS the constant changes in federal regulations and the resulting

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confusion have created arbitrary and unreasonable limits to community growth,

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agricultural, mineral, energy and recreational resource development; and

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WHEREAS the western states were not admitted to the Union on an equal

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footing with the original 13 states which retained a majority of their land

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in state or private ownership; and

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WHEREAS in the State of Alaska, a western state, there is apart from

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Native-owned land, less than one third of one percent of Alaska's land in

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private ownership, a condition which makes the Alaska State Legislature

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sympathetic to Nevada's position in challenging the federal control of public

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land in that state;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the

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concept of the Nevada challenge to federal control of its land; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges

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the Governor to join Nevada as a "friend of the court" if a federal court

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test of the Nevada statute is initiated.

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