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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ANDERSON BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the federal grand jury to  
6 hear charges and complaints against  
7 the Secretary of the Interior and  
8 other Interior Department officials.

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

10 WHEREAS the grand jury constitutes an ancient system for citizens to  
11 seek redress of their grievances against government and the abuses of govern-  
12 mental officers; and

13 WHEREAS a federal grand jury is expected to be in session in Alaska in  
14 the near future, either in Anchorage or Fairbanks; and

15 WHEREAS it is within the prerogatives of the grand jury to hear charges  
16 and complaints of affected Alaskans against the recent imposition of the  
17 Antiquities Act; and

18 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior and his agents have threatened to  
19 place in jail honest miners, hunters, trappers and others who live in the  
20 areas of the recently established monuments for continuing to pursue their  
21 livelihoods; and

22 WHEREAS residents of the state are being cut off and denied access to  
23 their property by the unreasonable regulations of the Secretary of the  
24 Interior; and

25 WHEREAS the regulations adopted by the Secretary of the Interior con-  
26 stitute a de facto confiscation of the property of residents of this state;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the foreman of the  
28 federal grand jury is respectfully requested to initiate an investigation  
29 into the charges and complaints of residents of this state and, if the

1 charges and complaints are determined to be well founded, to bring appro-  
2 priate charges against the Secretary of the Interior or his agents who may be  
3 shown to have violated the constitutional and other rights of residents of  
4 this state.

5 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the foreman of the next  
6 federal grand jury sitting in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

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