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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting recognition of Alaskan
6 mountaineers as advisers on the
7 regulation of mountaineering in
8 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaskan officers of land management agencies of the United
11 States Government manage the most rugged mountains under the American flag;
12 and

13 WHEREAS the agencies may not always have available to them staff ad-
14 visers experienced in mountain wilderness activities; and

15 WHEREAS Alaska mountains present federal agencies with extreme condi-
16 tions otherwise unique in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS these extreme conditions include vast mountain areas of the
18 state which are remote from support areas and are sparsely populated, and
19 have a frequently harsh climate and unusually rugged terrain; and

20 WHEREAS Alaska has many individuals and groups who are available and
21 willing to provide advice and assistance to federal land managers; and

22 WHEREAS it is in the public interest that federal land managers consider
23 the advice and assistance of members of the public who have demonstrated an
24 interest in mountain wilderness activities and who stand ready to offer their
25 expertise to federal land managers; and

26 WHEREAS the proposed regulations resulting from the extension of the
27 Antiquities Act to Alaska present an opportunity for those with experience in
28 the Alaska mountain wilderness to share their experience; and

29 WHEREAS the proposed regulation of mountaineering and recreational

1 wilderness users can perhaps be humanized to the special Alaska conditions;
2 and

3 WHEREAS Alaskan mountaineering groups such as the Alaskan Alpine Club
4 can offer invaluable assistance to federal land managers;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the legislature
6 recognizes Alaskan mountaineering groups as uniquely competent to advise on
7 the management policy pertaining to recreational uses of mountain areas of
8 Alaska; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges federal land management
10 agencies to recognize Alaskan mountaineering groups as uniquely competent
11 advisers for the proposed regulations which may regulate recreational uses of
12 mountain areas of Alaska.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
14 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of
15 the Interior; the Honorable Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture; Mr. John
16 R. McGuire, Chief of the Forest Service; Mr. William J. Whalen, Director of
17 the National Park Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
18 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
19 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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