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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the development of  
6 national and state parks.

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

8 WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park is the oldest national park in  
9 Alaska and encompasses the northern and western flanks of the Denali massif;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn federal lands to the  
12 south of Mount McKinley National Park for inclusion within the park under  
13 authority of the Antiquities Act; and

14 WHEREAS the Secretary's withdrawals abut lands selected by the State of  
15 Alaska and included within the Denali State Park by Act of the Alaska Legisla-  
16 ture; and

17 WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park and the Denali State Park are major  
18 tourist attractions offering unparalleled opportunities for views of North  
19 America's highest peak, wildlife, and for recreational uses; and

20 WHEREAS the Mount McKinley National Park - Denali State Park units are  
21 centrally located between Alaska's principal cities, readily accessible by  
22 both road and rail, and present a significant challenge for joint planning  
23 involving the National Park Service and the Alaska Department of Natural  
24 Resources; and

25 WHEREAS the planning and development of access and facilities for  
26 tourism and recreational use on the south flank of Denali, and the provision  
27 of headquarters facilities for both the federal and state agencies concerned  
28 with McKinley Park - Denali Park resource management, offer one opportunity  
29 to develop the economy of the northern portion of the Matanuska-Susitna

1 Borough;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses further con-  
3 sideration of the concept of a recreational complex in the Denali State Park  
4 and Mt. McKinley National Park area; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
6 the governor to initiate discussions with the National Park Service regarding  
7 the joint planning of national and state parks after resolution of the Alaska  
8 lands issue; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a special commit-  
10 tee be appointed to include a member appointed by the president of the senate,  
11 a member appointed by the speaker of the house, and a member appointed by the  
12 governor, to meet periodically to review, propose, and recommend contracts or  
13 agreements for study and research concerning potential park and recreational  
14 development in the Denali State Park - Mt. McKinley National Park area, serve  
15 as a point of contact for parties interested in park and recreational develop-  
16 ment opportunities for this area, and continue efforts to secure joint plan-  
17 ning for the national park and the state park under a master plan involving  
18 both units; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee complete a report of its work with  
20 recommendations and present it to the Twelfth State Legislature not later  
21 than January 20, 1981.

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