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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the disposal of nuclear
6 waste material in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the generation of electric power through the use of nuclear
9 energy produces highly radioactive waste materials; and

10 WHEREAS the radioactive waste from nuclear power plants has a half-life
11 of several thousand years over which time it emits ionizing radiation at high
12 levels; and

13 WHEREAS the high level of radiation emitted by nuclear waste poses a
14 serious health hazard to all living things exposed to the radiation; and

15 WHEREAS methods of nuclear waste disposal have been temporary until a
16 safe, permanent method is developed; and

17 WHEREAS the geology of Alaska is relatively unstable which would
18 increase the hazards of subsurface storage of nuclear waste;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
20 that Congress enact legislation to prohibit the storage or disposal of
21 nuclear waste material anywhere in Alaska.

22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
23 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
24 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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