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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging reversal of the decision of
6 the National Park Service limiting
7 cruise ship visits in Glacier Bay
8 National Monument.

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

10 WHEREAS Glacier Bay National Monument is a leading tourist attraction in
11 Southeastern Alaska and the principal destination of the growing cruise ship
12 industry serving that part of the state; and

13 WHEREAS the waters of Glacier Bay constitute a significant feeding area
14 for species of whales; and

15 WHEREAS the National Park Service, the federal agency responsible for
16 management of the resources of Glacier Bay National Monument, has announced a
17 decision curtailing the number of cruise ships permitted to cruise the waters
18 of Glacier Bay; and

19 WHEREAS the National Park Service premises its decision on research
20 reports concluding that the presence of deep-draft cruise vessels inhibits
21 the feeding activities of the whales in Glacier Bay; and

22 WHEREAS the decision of the National Park Service, if carried out, would
23 prevent many people from enjoying the wonders of the national monument, and,
24 by changing cruise ship schedules, would adversely affect the economy of
25 Southeastern Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS implementation of the decision of the National Park Service has
27 been postponed to permit public review and comment concerning the proposal;
28 and

29 WHEREAS it is timely and appropriate that the Alaska State Legislature

1 declare its opposition to the decision of the National Park
2 Service limiting cruise ship visits in Glacier Bay National Monument;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the National Park
4 Service reverse its earlier conclusion to curtail cruise ship visits in
5 Glacier Bay National Monument.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
7 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of
8 the Interior; Mr. William J. Whalen, Director of the National Park Service;
9 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S.
10 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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