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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed Stikine Dam
6 project in Canada.

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

8 WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is doing preliminary studies
9 for a proposed major hydroelectric dam project on the Stikine River; and

10 WHEREAS the Stikine River passes through Alaska below the point where
11 the proposed dam would be built; and

12 WHEREAS many Alaskans depend on the Stikine River, directly or indir-
13 ectly, for salmon and other resources, recreation, transportation, and water
14 supplies; and

15 WHEREAS a dam of the size proposed for the Stikine River has the poten-
16 tial for significant impact on the fish and wildlife, hydrology, biological
17 ecosystems, and Native cultures of the area surrounding the river; and

18 WHEREAS decisions made by the governments of Canada and British Columbia
19 concerning the construction of the Stikine Dam may affect citizens of the
20 United States; and

21 WHEREAS the people and legislature of the State of Alaska are concerned
22 over the possible impact of the Stikine Dam and feel that it is imperative
23 that Alaskans be involved during the study, analysis, and planning phases of
24 this project;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of
26 the United States is respectfully requested to direct the Secretary of State
27 to take steps to facilitate the exchange of information between Canadians
28 and Americans concerning the Stikine Dam and to ensure that a method is
29 established to provide for meaningful input by Americans on local, state,

1 and federal levels before and during the planning, decision making, and
2 development phases of the Stikine River hydroelectric dam project by Canada.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
4 President of the United States; the Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.,
5 Secretary of State; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
6 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
7 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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