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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing the nine-digit ZIP Code.

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

7 WHEREAS the United States Postal Service plans to add four new numbers
8 to the present ZIP Code to allegedly improve efficiency of mail delivery and
9 to help stabilize postage rates; and

10 WHEREAS, because expansion of the ZIP Code will require a tremendous
11 investment in new equipment and the hiring of many additional people to
12 answer calls for ZIP Code information, it appears far from certain that the
13 expansion will improve efficiency of mail delivery or help to stabilize
14 postage rates; and

15 WHEREAS the cost of new materials and equipment needed to incorporate
16 the nine-digit ZIP Code into mailing lists will cost businesses billions of
17 dollars and may place an overwhelming burden on small business firms; and

18 WHEREAS each person's nine-digit ZIP Code will be subject to frequent
19 changes resulting in confusion and inconvenience; and

20 WHEREAS, since the nine-digit ZIP Code will locate each person in the
21 United States down to the block in which that person lives, the nine-digit
22 ZIP Code could be used to compile extensive statistical data on each person,
23 creating a potential for invasions of privacy by government and business;
24 and

25 WHEREAS inadequate attention was paid to the potential for invasion of
26 privacy during consideration of the nine-digit ZIP Code and the public was
27 not properly alerted to this potential; and

28 WHEREAS the public does not support the proposed nine-digit ZIP Code;
29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature opposes the nine-digit

1 ZIP Code and respectfully requests the Postmaster General not to implement
2 the nine-digit ZIP Code.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William F.
4 Bolger, Postmaster General; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
5 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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