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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to adjournment of the Second
6 Session of the Twelfth State Legisla-
7 ture.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS during the past six legislative sessions 14 pieces of legisla-
10 tion have been introduced to limit the length of sessions without any effect;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the present session of this legislature already has in hand a
13 great quantity of legislation that has been through the committee process and
14 has been thoroughly investigated and revised during the first session of this
15 legislature; and

16 WHEREAS the framers of the Alaska Constitution conceived of a part-time,
17 citizen legislature, rather than a full-time corps of professional lawmakers;
18 and

19 WHEREAS the per-day cost of operating the legislature in extended session
20 is often an unnecessary financial burden upon the people of the State of
21 Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS very substantial public preference for limited sessions has been
23 expressed on numerous occasions; and

24 WHEREAS the trend of session length has been that in the past five years
25 the average length has been more than twice that of shorter sessions in the
26 brief history of the state;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives sitting
28 in the Second Session of the Twelfth Alaska Legislature who agree to this
29 resolution also agree that

1 (1) their session shall not last more than 105 days;
2 (2) whenever the speaker shall ask the majority leader for a
3 motion for adjournment sine die and that motion is made, they shall support
4 it.

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