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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the President to direct

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the Secretary of Transportation to

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enter into negotiations with the

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State of Alaska regarding possible

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transfer of ownership of the Alaska

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Railroad.

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

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WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is the only railroad in the country still

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owned by the federal government; and

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WHEREAS the federal government is presently cutting back on rail

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support throughout the country; and

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WHEREAS the Carter administration recommended in its proposed fiscal

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1982 budget that the State of Alaska, or a private entity, take over the

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Alaska Railroad by 1983, and the Reagan administration has given its un-

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official support to the proposal; and

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WHEREAS the Federal Railroad Administration and the United States

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Office of Management and Budget have indicated that they would prefer to

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have the State of Alaska take over the Alaska Railroad rather than sell it

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to a private entity; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska congressional delegation supports entering into

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negotiations with the federal government regarding possible transfer of

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ownership of the Alaska Railroad; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature has expressed interest in transfer

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of ownership of the Alaska Railroad through the introduction of at least

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seven bills and resolutions on this topic; and

1       WHEREAS transfer of ownership of the Alaska Railroad to the state would  
2 require both federal and state legislation;

3       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
4 the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of Transportation  
5 to enter into negotiations with representatives of the Governor of Alaska  
6 and representatives of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
7 House of the Alaska State Legislature to discuss the possible transfer or  
8 sale of the Alaska Railroad to the State of Alaska.

9       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
10 President of the United States; the Honorable Drew Lewis, Secretary of  
11 Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
12 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
13 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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