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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting passage of S. 1562 in the
6 Congress of the United States, relat-
7 ing to provision of a comprehensive
8 national policy dealing with national
9 needs and objectives in the Arctic.

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

11 WHEREAS the Alaskan Arctic is of vital importance to the state and to
12 the nation in terms of human resources, energy production, national defense,
13 and wildlife habitat; and

14 WHEREAS there is a need to organize federal efforts in Arctic research
15 and to coordinate these efforts with state programs, university projects, and
16 efforts by private industry and Alaska Native groups; and

17 WHEREAS an adequate national Arctic science research policy should be an
18 important objective of both the state and federal governments; and

19 WHEREAS SJR 40, First Session, Twelfth Legislature, outlined the need
20 for a comprehensive Arctic science policy; and

21 WHEREAS statewide public meetings were conducted in response to SJR 40
22 by the Alaska Council on Science and Technology and a joint symposium of the
23 Alaska House of Representatives and Senate State Affairs Committees on April
24 11, 1981; and

25 WHEREAS provisions of S. 1562, recently introduced in the United States
26 Congress, incorporate public input and suggestions offered during these
27 public meetings; and

28 WHEREAS S. 1562 is a vehicle for a comprehensive and coordinated approach
29 to Arctic science policy that will foster international cooperation and

1 exchange of information; and

2 WHEREAS S. 1562 reflects the interests of and the suggestions offered by
3 North Slope residents and by agencies directly affected by Arctic science
4 policy; and

5 WHEREAS S. 1562 would require public access to information and research
6 on Arctic science and technology developed by state, federal, university, and
7 private agencies;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the goals and
9 objectives of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1981 (S. 1562) and
10 supports passage of that legislation.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas P.
12 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Strom
13 Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Caspar W.
14 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James B. Edwards, Secretary
15 of Energy; the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; and to the
16 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
17 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
18 in Congress.

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