

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RINGSTAD AND BETTISWORTH

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting that Birch Creek and Beaver

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Creek be removed from designation as

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wild rivers.

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

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WHEREAS Birch Creek and Beaver Creek were designated as wild rivers by

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Sec. 603 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA),

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P.L. 96-487; and

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WHEREAS both creeks are located in parts of Alaska with a long history

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of mining activity; and

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WHEREAS mining exploration and development has traditionally been and

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presently is a vital part of the economy of Interior Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the wild river designation imposed by ANILCA may result in the

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curtailment of existing mining activity and prevent its future expansion;

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and

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WHEREAS the designation of Birch Creek and Beaver Creek as wild rivers

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is wholly inappropriate;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the United States Congress to amend Sec. 603 of ANILCA by deleting Birch

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Creek and Beaver Creek from designation as wild rivers.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,

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President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker

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of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and

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the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,

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U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.