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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Supporting establishment of an Environ-

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mental Protection Agency regional office

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in Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS United States Senator Frank Murkowski proposed in his 1984

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address to the Alaska Legislature a need for creation of a separate Alaska

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region of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

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WHEREAS an EPA staff located in Alaska would be more sensitive to the
13 unique environmental needs of Alaska than staff from outside Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department
15 of Interior have established regional offices in Alaska so that they may be
16 more sensitive to Alaska's unique environment, recognizing that Alaska has
17 more than one-half of the coastline of the United States and one-fifth of
18 the area of the contiguous United States; and

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WHEREAS a more sensitive approach to Alaska's unique environmental
20 problems by the EPA is in the state's best interest and is needed to main-
21 tain a healthy timber industry, placer mining industry, and seafood indus-
22 try in the state;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Environ-
24 mental Protection Agency to establish an EPA region for Alaska with head-
25 quarters in Alaska.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
27 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable William Ruckelshaus,
28 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable
29 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the

1 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
2 in Congress.