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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of an

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Environmental Protection Agency regional

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office in Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS the state is dramatically affected on occasion by the actions
10 and decisions of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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WHEREAS the environment of the State of Alaska is distinct from that
12 of the other states in the Pacific Northwest that comprise Region X of the
13 Environmental Protection Agency; and

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WHEREAS the physical size of the State of Alaska is far larger than
15 most geographic areas served by the other regional offices in the Environ-
16 mental Protection Agency; and

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WHEREAS the citizens of the State of Alaska would directly benefit
18 from closer access to a regional office of the Environmental Protection
19 Agency; and

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WHEREAS an Environmental Protection Agency office located in the State
21 of Alaska would undoubtedly have a better understanding of the particular
22 environmental problems affecting the State of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the Anchorage and Fairbanks municipal governments have been
24 struggling to clean up the air in an efficient manner; and

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WHEREAS miners are struggling throughout the State of Alaska to con-
26 vince the Environmental Protection Agency that their wastewater discharge
27 rules are technically impossible to carry out and if these rules are en-
28 forced, almost all placer miners will be forced to abandon their liveli-
29 hood; and

1 WHEREAS the pulp mills in Southeast Alaska have been struggling for
2 years to fully comply with the Clean Water Act; and

3 WHEREAS it is beneficial for federal officials who make decisions
4 affecting the state to be located in the State of Alaska; and

5 WHEREAS an Alaska-based regional administrator for the Environmental
6 Protection Agency will have both the knowledge and authority to make de-
7 cisions tailored to meet the State of Alaska's unique requirements; and

8 WHEREAS a regional office in Alaska will protect the environment of
9 the State of Alaska and will ensure that the beauty of its land is main-
10 tained;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
12 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a
13 regional office in the State of Alaska.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William D. Ruckelshaus,
15 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable
16 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
17 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
18 in Congress.