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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting that a mountain in Alaska be

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named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther

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King, Jr.

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

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WHEREAS equality under the law is the fundamental tenet of our republican form of government as established in our national and state institutions; and

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WHEREAS throughout his adult life, until the moment of his death by assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated this principle and struggled tirelessly for its perpetuation; and

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WHEREAS the life and work of Dr. King, in death, have become a symbol for human equality under law in our democratic society; and

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WHEREAS controversy has emerged from public debate as to the selection of an Alaskan memorial appropriate to honor the work and principles advocated by Dr. King; and

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WHEREAS certain notorious organizations have introduced in the state their efforts to exploit this public process to incite divisiveness and racial prejudices; and

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WHEREAS it is desirable to reject this attempted exploitation and to honor the principle of equality under law for which Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and died; and

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WHEREAS in his most memorable articulation of this principle, Dr. King "dreamed" of having "been to the mountain top" from which he envisioned the ultimate benefits of such equality under law; and

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WHEREAS human creations such as buildings, streets, or parks are

1 inherently transitory, but the principle of equality under the law which
2 Dr. King espoused is timeless; and

3 WHEREAS, under AS 44.19.058, the State Geographic Board has the power
4 and the duty to determine the correct and most appropriate names of the
5 lakes, streams, mountains, and other geographic features in the state;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
7 the Governor to direct the State Geographic Board to select a mountain
8 within Alaska and name it for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Assembly of the Munic-
10 ipality of Anchorage; the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor of Anchorage; and to
11 each member of the State Geographic Board.