

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the federal government to

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hire Alaskans for federal jobs located

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in the state.

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

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WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one
10 of the highest in the nation; and

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WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is
12 considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on na-
13 tionally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who
14 wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet
15 federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employ-
16 ment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including
18 alcoholism and domestic violence; and

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WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to
20 resident workers in the nation; and

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WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qual-
22 ified, available, unemployed Alaska workers;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the feder-
24 al government to hire as many state residents as possible and practicable
25 for federal positions located in the state, including temporary and season-
26 al positions with the United States Park Service.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
28 Reagan, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
29 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don

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