

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to the maintenance of the U.S.  
6 Forest Service Offices in Petersburg.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS the U.S. Congress reduced appropriations for the Tongass  
9 National Forest by nearly \$20,000,000; and  
10 WHEREAS the funding reductions have caused the U.S. Forest Service to  
11 seriously consider the transfer of 30 U.S. Forest Service employees in  
12 Petersburg; and  
13 WHEREAS the Petersburg U.S. Forest Service Office performs a necessary  
14 function in the management of the Tongass National Forest; and  
15 WHEREAS expansion of the U.S. Forest Service Office in Petersburg in  
16 recent years caused the City of Petersburg to adjust by increasing educa-  
17 tion, health, safety, and residential facilities; and  
18 WHEREAS the loss of the Petersburg forest service employees would  
19 create a hardship on the city by trying to support the facilities that have  
20 been built to accommodate forest service employees; and  
21 WHEREAS the loss of the Petersburg forest service employees would have  
22 severe negative effects on the Petersburg economy;  
23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the U.S. Forest  
24 Service to continue operation of the Petersburg office and maintain staff-  
25 ing at that office at the present level.  
26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E.  
27 Lyng, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; F. Dale Robertson,  
28 Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; Mike Barton, Regional Forester for  
29 Alaska; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,

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