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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62 am
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the use of helicopters in
6 Chugach State Park.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the legislature established the Chugach State Park in 1970 to
9 provide for recreational opportunities, protect water supplies, provide for
10 wildlife viewing, and protect the wilderness character of the easterly
11 interior of the park; and
12 WHEREAS these purposes, stated in AS 41.21.121, neither preclude
13 helicopter tours nor imply that these tours are inconsistent with other
14 recreational uses of the park, particularly when subject to reasonable
15 regulations; and
16 WHEREAS requests for permits to allow helicopter tours to the park
17 have been denied by the Department of Natural Resources; and
18 WHEREAS these tours are popular with tourists and residents of Alaska,
19 including those physically unable to hike to alpine areas; and
20 WHEREAS there are no alpine areas outside Chugach State Park within a
21 reasonable distance from Anchorage airports suitable for helicopter tours;
22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Governor to advise the commissioner of natural resources to carefully
24 reconsider the department's administrative decision that precludes helicop-
25 ter tours from using any areas within Chugach State Park for helicopter
26 landings.
27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Judith M.
28 Brady, commissioner of natural resources and to Neil Johannsen, director,
29 division of parks, Department of Natural Resources.