

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Urging the Governor to establish the  
6 Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the  
7 official museum for the Alaska Railroad  
8 and a state historical site.  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
10 WHEREAS in 1914, President Wilson signed a bill authorizing the con-  
11 struction of a federally owned railroad to provide the direct transporta-  
12 tion route that was needed between Fairbanks and the coast; and  
13 WHEREAS the pioneer town of Nenana was chosen as the northern con-  
14 struction base for the railroad; and  
15 WHEREAS on July 15, 1923, President Warren G. Harding drove the golden  
16 spike at Nenana to signify completion of the Alaska Railroad, and a monu-  
17 ment to this event exists to the east of the Nenana railroad depot; and  
18 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad depot in Nenana was built in 1918 and has  
19 great historical significance because it is the only depot remaining from  
20 the original railroad system; and  
21 WHEREAS the public is generally interested in history and railroads,  
22 and local tourism in Nenana would be enhanced if the depot in Nenana were  
23 established as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state  
24 historical site;  
25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to  
26 establish the Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the official museum for  
27 the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site.