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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to disposition of the Cordova

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Federal Building.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Postal Service intends to dispose of the  
9 Cordova Federal Building, which housed the post office in Cordova until  
10 last year; and

11 WHEREAS the Cordova Federal Building was the first and, for many  
12 years, the only building in Cordova that was included in the National  
13 Register of Historic Places; and

14 WHEREAS to retain its status on the national register, the owner of  
15 the building must open the building to the public for at least 12 days each  
16 year; and

17 WHEREAS the residents of Cordova strongly support retaining the build-  
18 ing on the national register; and

19 WHEREAS the prominent location of the Cordova Federal Building makes  
20 it an ideal public meeting place; and

21 WHEREAS it is critical to the effectiveness of the United States  
22 Forest Service that their offices be easy to find; and

23 WHEREAS recent discussions among representatives of the U.S. Forest  
24 Service, the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, and the Cordova Historical Soci-  
25 ety have led to an agreement that the Cordova Federal Building would best  
26 serve the community as both a Visitor Center and Museum and offices of the  
27 U.S. Forest Service; and

28 WHEREAS the residents of Cordova strongly support this proposed com-  
29 bined use of the building; and

1       WHEREAS it appears that the Postal Service and the Forest Service have  
2 been unable to reach an agreement on the sale or transfer of the building;  
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4       WHEREAS the Postal Service may offer the building for sale to a pri-  
5 vate buyer when the real estate market in Cordova improves; and

6       WHEREAS it appears highly unlikely that the building's real value will  
7 be obtained by an attempted sale at "fair market value;"

8       BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the legislature  
9 strongly encourages the United States Postal Service to reach an agreement  
10 that permits the Cordova Federal Building to remain a public building,  
11 without requiring that the sale of the building result in a profit to the  
12 federal government.

13       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Anthony M.  
14 Frank, Postmaster General; the Honorable Richard E. Lyng, Secretary of  
15 Agriculture; the Honorable F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the Forest Service;  
16 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
17 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
18 Alaska delegation in Congress.