

BY REP. PETTYJOHN, Collins

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting that a mountain in Alaska be

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named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther

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King, Jr.

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

9 WHEREAS equality under the law is the fundamental tenet of our repub-
10 lican form of government as established in our national and state consti-
11 tutions; and

12 WHEREAS throughout his adult life, until the moment of his death by
13 assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated this principle and
14 struggled tirelessly for its perpetuation; and

15 WHEREAS the life and work of Dr. King, in death, have become a symbol
16 for human equality under law in our democratic society; and

17 WHEREAS it is desirable to honor the principle of equality under law
18 for which Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and died; and

19 WHEREAS in his most memorable articulation of this principle, Dr. King
20 "dreamed" of having "been to the mountain top" from which he envisioned the
21 ultimate benefits of such equality under law; and

22 WHEREAS human creations such as buildings, streets, or parks are
23 inherently transitory, but the principle of equality under the law which
24 Dr. King espoused is timeless; and

25 WHEREAS, under AS 44.19.058, the State Geographic Board has the power
26 and the duty to determine the correct and most appropriate names of the
27 lakes, streams, mountains, and other geographic features in the state;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the Governor to direct the State Geographic Board to select a mountain

1 within Alaska and name it for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the State

3 Geographic Board; to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration com-

4 mittees in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau; and to Mrs. Corretta Scott

5 King.