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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the Alaska Youth Reforesta-

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tion Corps.

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

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WHEREAS art. VIII, sec. 4, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska,

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mandates that all forests belonging to the state be managed on a sustained

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yield basis; and

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WHEREAS AS 41.17.010(1) declares that the forest resources of the

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state are among the most valuable natural resources of the state and

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furnish timber and wood products, fish and wildlife, tourism, outdoor

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recreation, water, soil, air, minerals, and general health welfare; and

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WHEREAS AS 41.17.010(2) declares that economic enterprises and other

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activities and pursuits derived from forest resources warrant the continu-

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ing recognition and support of the state; and

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WHEREAS AS 41.17.010(3) declares that the state has a fundamental

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obligation to ensure that management of forest resources guarantees per-

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petual supplies of renewable resources, provides nonrenewable resources in

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a manner consistent with that obligation, and serves the needs of the state

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for the many products, benefits, and services obtained from them; and

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WHEREAS the state has an obligation and vested interest in protecting

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and conserving its natural resources for the benefit of future generations

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of residents; and

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WHEREAS the state has an obligation and vested interest in teaching

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its children about the principles of conservation and sustained yield

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management of timber resources; and

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WHEREAS the young people of the state should have the opportunity to

1 take an active role in the regeneration of our timber resources; and

2 WHEREAS participation in reforestation activities by the state's young
3 people would be a healthy and educational experience;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
5 the governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources and the state
6 forester to establish and organize a volunteer Alaska Youth Reforestation
7 Corps; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Youth Reforestation Corps become an
9 integral part of the reforestation program of the state.