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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 placement of Alaska on

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national maps.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska has been a state in the United States for the past 31

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years and is part of the continental United States; and

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WHEREAS on maps of the United States, Alaska is often placed in a box

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south of California and is sometimes completely left off the map; and

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WHEREAS the mismapping and nonmapping of Alaska is found even today in

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the pages of Newsweek, Time, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Times,

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as well as many other newspapers and magazines, and is even found in the

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art department of the graphics division of the Associated Press and in the

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map department of United Press International; and

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WHEREAS most school geography textbooks and Rand McNally, the pub-

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lisher of wall maps and road maps, still place Alaska in a box south of

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California; and

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WHEREAS the national newspaper, USA Today, reconsidered its map policy

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for Alaska and now places Alaska in the northwest corner of all of its maps

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of the United States;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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that all major United States magazines, newspapers, textbook publishers,

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and map publishers, including Rand McNally, follow the lead of USA Today in

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placing Alaska in its correct geographical position on maps of the United

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States, in the northwest corner.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the editors of all major

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