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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the placement of Alaska on
6 national maps.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS Alaska has been a state in the United States for the past 31
9 years and is part of the continental United States; and
10 WHEREAS on maps of the United States, Alaska is often placed in a box
11 south of California and is sometimes completely left off the map; and
12 WHEREAS the mismapping and nonmapping of Alaska is found even today in
13 the pages of Newsweek, Time, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Times,
14 as well as many other newspapers and magazines, and is even found in the
15 art department of the graphics division of the Associated Press and in the
16 map department of United Press International; and
17 WHEREAS most school geography textbooks, wall maps, and road maps
18 still place Alaska in a box south of California; and
19 WHEREAS the national newspaper, USA Today, reconsidered its map policy
20 for Alaska and now places Alaska in the northwest corner of all of its maps
21 of the United States;
22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 that all major United States magazines, newspapers, textbook publishers,
24 and map publishers, follow the lead of USA Today in placing Alaska in its
25 correct geographical position on maps of the United States, in the north-
26 west corner.
27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the editors of all major
28 United States magazines, newspapers, textbook publishers, and map pub-
29 lishers.