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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64 (State Affairs) am  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to the placement of a geograph-  
6 ically correct Alaska on 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 some maps of Alaska do not represent the Aleutian chain in a  
20 geographically correct manner; and  
21 WHEREAS the national newspaper, USA Today, reconsidered its map policy  
22 for Alaska and now places Alaska in the northwest corner of all of its maps  
23 of the United States;  
24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
25 that all major United States magazines, newspapers, textbook publishers,  
26 and map publishers, follow the lead of USA Today in placing Alaska in its  
27 correct geographical position on maps of the United States, in the north-  
28 west corner, and that all geographical attributes of Alaska be correct in  
29 size and location.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the editors of all major  
2 United States magazines, newspapers, textbook publishers, and map pub-  
3 lishers.