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1 IN THE SENATE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 (ITT)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to the acquisition, preserva-  
6 tion, and interpretation of the historic  
7 Kennecott Mine by the National Park  
8 Service in the Wrangell-St. Elias Na-  
9 tional Park.  
10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
11 WHEREAS the state tourist industry is looking for new destinations and  
12 experiences to meet the demand made by an increased number of visitors to  
13 the state; and  
14 WHEREAS the Kennecott Mine site is a historic resource of national  
15 significance and has been designated a national historic landmark; and  
16 WHEREAS it would benefit the state's economy to establish tourist  
17 destinations that encourage tourists to travel throughout the state on its  
18 highway system; and  
19 WHEREAS the state wants to celebrate in 1992 the 50th anniversary of  
20 the completion of the Alaska Highway by adding tourist destinations that  
21 are accessible by travelers using the Alaska Highway; and  
22 WHEREAS the structures at the Kennecott Mine site are becoming a  
23 popular destination for tourists; and  
24 WHEREAS the structures are deteriorating rapidly and substantial  
25 investment is necessary if they are to be stabilized and preserved; and  
26 WHEREAS the Alaska Historical Society, the Alaska Association for  
27 Historic Preservation, the Alaska office of history and archeology in the  
28 Department of Natural Resources, and the Alaska division of tourism in the  
29 Department of Commerce and Economic Development have all expressed support

1 for the acquisition by the National Park Service of the Kennecott Mine site  
2 property as part of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, and for the  
3 preservation and interpretation of the site by the National Park Service;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS the structures at the Kennecott Mine site are located on  
6 private property in the center of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park; and

7 WHEREAS the owners of the Kennecott Mine site property have offered a  
8 partial donation and sale of their property to the National Park Service;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS the state understands that the United States Department of the  
11 Interior is considering the acquisition and preservation of the Kennecott  
12 Mine site property by the National Park Service; and

13 WHEREAS local residents and the McCarthy-Kennecott Historical Museum  
14 support the acquisition and preservation of the Kennecott Mine site proper-  
15 ty by the National Park Service as a historic site and visitor attraction;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the acquisi-  
17 tion and preservation of the Kennecott Mine site property by the National  
18 Park Service as a visitor attraction in the Wrangell-St. Elias National  
19 Park, and the establishment of an interpretation facility at the site by  
20 the National Park Service.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan,  
22 Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted  
23 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable  
24 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-  
25 gress.