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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a proposal by the National

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Park Service to hire Native college

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students in the state as employees under

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a cooperative education program and to

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offer the students career positions upon

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graduation.

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

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WHEREAS the National Park Service is proposing to use a federal co-

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operative education program to recruit Native college students in the state

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and to enable them to obtain career positions in the National Park Service

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upon graduation; and

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WHEREAS the National Park Service wants to use this program to deepen

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its understanding of the Native cultures of the state, to benefit from

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Native knowledge of the land, and to make Native people a major part of its

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organization and park management; and

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WHEREAS this program will benefit Native students in the state by

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providing them with summer employment during college and training and

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incentives to further their education; and

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WHEREAS this program will benefit the National Park Service and its

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management by enhancing the National Park Service's understanding of park

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resources and the cultural values of the Natives in the state; and

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WHEREAS this program will benefit visitors to the state by enhancing

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the ability of National Park Service employees to provide visitors with

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information about park resources and the Native cultures of the state; and

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WHEREAS a pilot version of this program has been used successfully to

1 hire Native students in the state and has proven to be of great value to
2 the National Park Service, the public, and the students; and

3 WHEREAS at least 32 new positions with the potential for advancement
4 to management have been identified by the National Park Service and would
5 be appropriate for initial career placement of participants in the program;
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7 WHEREAS the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service has
8 requested budget increases for these new positions so that it can use the
9 cooperative education program to make a major addition of Native employees
10 to the National Park Service; and

11 WHEREAS these additional positions and the funds to fill them are
12 essential to ensure that Native students in the cooperative education
13 program will have permanent jobs available to them upon graduation;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the request
15 of the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service for budget
16 approval for the proposed cooperative education program to hire Native
17 college students in the state into career-track positions in the national
18 park units of the state.

19 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan,
20 Jr., Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
21 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
22 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.