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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40 am

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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 and other

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qualified college students in the state

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as employees under a cooperative educa-

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tion program and to offer the students

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career positions upon 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-
13 operative education program to recruit Native and other qualified college
14 students in the state and to enable them to obtain career positions in the
15 National Park Service upon graduation; and

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WHEREAS the National Park Service wants to use this program to deepen
17 its understanding of the Native cultures of the state, to benefit from
18 Native knowledge of the land, and to make Native people a major part of its
19 organization and park management; and

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WHEREAS this program will benefit Native and other qualified college
21 students in the state by providing them with summer employment during
22 college and training and incentives to further their education; and

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WHEREAS this program will benefit the National Park Service and its
24 management by enhancing the National Park Service's understanding of park
25 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
27 the ability of National Park Service employees to provide visitors with
28 information about park resources and the Native cultures of the state; and

1 WHEREAS a pilot version of this program has been used successfully to
2 hire students in the state and has proven to be of great value to the
3 National Park Service, the public, and the students; and

4 WHEREAS at least 32 new positions with the potential for advancement
5 to management have been identified by the National Park Service and would
6 be appropriate for initial career placement of participants in the program;
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8 WHEREAS the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service has
9 requested budget increases for these new positions so that it can use the
10 cooperative education program to make a major addition of Native and other
11 college students in the state as employees to the National Park Service;
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13 WHEREAS these additional positions and the funds to fill them are
14 essential to ensure that Native and other qualified college students in the
15 cooperative education program will have permanent jobs available to them
16 upon graduation;

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

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