

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Rules

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the correction of misinformation about Alaska.

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

3 WHEREAS Alaskans are committed to protecting and preserving our wilderness areas
4 while working toward a balance between the needs of our people and the needs of our
5 environment; and

6 WHEREAS legislation has been introduced to purchase \$22,000,000 in inholdings to
7 preserve in its entirety one of Alaska's most scenic state parks, Kachemak Bay State Park,
8 increase subsistence resources, and restore and maintain critical habitat areas throughout the
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS Alaska has 70 percent of the National Parks by area, and Alaskans devote
11 considerable effort and resources toward maintaining these parks to the benefit and enjoyment
12 of all Americans; and

13 WHEREAS Governor Hickel, Alaska's lawmakers, and state citizens are committed
14 to strengthening prevention and response mechanisms to avoid tragic accidents such as the
15 Exxon Valdez oil spill; and

16 WHEREAS our leadership has empowered our environmental regulatory agencies with
17 some of the most stringent requirements on industry in the nation; and

1 **WHEREAS** certain national movements, though committed to worthwhile causes,
2 employ the use of sensational and unbalanced statements in their reports; and

3 **WHEREAS** a recent example of this was distributed nationwide by the Sierra Club
4 in a defamatory letter to the organization's members accusing the Alaskan people and our
5 leadership of gross misuse of our environment;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature notifies the Board of Directors
7 of the Sierra Club and its members of specific untruths and distorted reports about Alaska
8 currently utilized by the Sierra Club and urges their cooperation in presenting the truth; and
9 be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature is intensely concerned over
11 the health of our land and our people, and we urge environmental movements to report all of
12 the facts before presenting an agenda that is harmful to all Alaskans.

13 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
14 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
15 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the
16 Interior; the Honorable Mike Espy, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the
17 Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy; the Honorable Ted
18 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
19 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; to Tony Ruckel, Sierra
20 Club National Chairman; and to Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club.