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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the establishment of a National Institute of Environmental Science in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS it is the imperative goal of the new science of the environment to determine how man can utilize, without damaging, the earth's natural resources; and

WHEREAS the task before this new science is of an urgency which no longer advocates but compels the establishment of a National Institute of Environmental Science to provide the coordination of effort and dissemination of information essential to the restoration and maintenance of a wholesome and productive environment; and

WHEREAS Alaska offers this institute a laboratory unavailable elsewhere in the world; a laboratory vast in size and rich in the resources of nature; a laboratory of broad climatic, geographic, geologic, botanic and zoological expanse; a laboratory embracing the full range of environmental conditions to which man must adapt as he addresses himself to the development of the virtually untapped wealth of the North;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska requests the President and Congress of the United States to establish in Alaska a National Institute of Environmental Science to initiate a continuing program of research to insure that man uses his natural resources in a manner consistent with a quality environment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to appoint a panel of concerned Alaskans to compile information that will enable the President and the Congress to assess the need for, and the benefits to be derived from, a National

Institute of Environmental Science in Alaska.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Maurice H. Stans, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Robert H. Finch, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; to all members of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Congress; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, United States Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, United States Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.