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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74

Supporting S. 1622 and HR 7121.

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

WHEREAS S. 1622 and HR 7121, bills which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in the states of Alaska and Washington, are pending before the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS the proposed park would consist of a Skagway unit, a Chilkoot Trail unit, a White Pass Trail unit, and a Seattle unit; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation would also permit the Secretary of the Interior to consult and cooperate with appropriate officials of the Canadian Government as well as appropriate provincial and territorial officials in Canada in order to make the proposed park a truly international historic park; and

WHEREAS a main objective in forming the proposed park would be to protect and perpetuate the historical and natural values of the gold rush trails and historic buildings relating to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-98; and

WHEREAS this scenic-historic-cultural addition to the National Park System would provide immense economic value to Alaska in the form of expanded tourist revenues; and

WHEREAS the route of the park would traverse one of the most spectacularly beautiful, as well as historically and culturally important, areas in the nation; and

WHEREAS, to date, no area within the National Park System has been singled out to illustrate the gold rush phase of our national heritage;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it strongly supports S. 1622 and HR 7121 and urges the Congress of the United States to expedite passage of these proposals at the earliest possible time.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.