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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

Commending the United States Forest Service for its Alaska Marine Highway Visitor Information Service program.

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

WHEREAS the United States Forest Service operates and funds a Visitor Information Service program on the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

WHEREAS the marine highway interpretive program is an outstanding and uniquely educational program on the natural history of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the marine highway interpretive program is a valuable source of information on the natural history of Alaska which the public, both resident Alaskans and visitors, has overwhelmingly enjoyed and benefited from through a better appreciation and understanding of our state; and

WHEREAS the United States Forest Service expends \$60,000 a year to provide this program which served over 130,000 people in the last year; and

WHEREAS the Forest Service program is an exemplary program of cooperation between state and federal governments, supported by local communities, business and industry; and

WHEREAS the many persons responsible for and active in conducting the program, especially the talented forest naturalists, have enthusiastically worked to help the public understand, enjoy and safeguard the natural and cultural resources of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature looks forward to continuation of the excellent marine highway interpretive program;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Forest Service and all those responsible for carrying out the Visitor Information Service program are commended for their outstanding work and spirited dedication in providing this valuable public service.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Earl Butz, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture; Mr. John R. McGuire, Chief of the United States Forest Service; Mr. Charles Yates, Regional Forester; Mr. Robert Hakala, Branch Chief of the Visitor Information Service, Alaska Region; Mr. Donald Harris, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Public Works; and to Mr. William E. Hudson, Director, Division of Marine Transportation.