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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mount Stevens and
5 Ted Stevens Icefield Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Theodore “Ted” Fulton Stevens, who began
9 serving in the Senate 9 years after Alaska was ad-
10 mitted to Statehood, represented the people of the

1 State of Alaska with distinction in the Senate for
2 over 40 years from 1968 to 2009 and played a sig-
3 nificant role in the transformation of the State of
4 Alaska from an impoverished territory to a full-
5 fledged State through the assistance he provided in
6 building energy facilities, hospitals and clinics,
7 roads, docks, airports, water and sewer facilities,
8 schools, and other community facilities in the State
9 of Alaska, which earned him recognition as “Alaskan
10 of the Century” from the Alaska Legislature in
11 2000;

12 (2) Ted Stevens distinguished himself as a
13 transport pilot during World War II in support of
14 the “Flying Tigers” of the United States Army Air
15 Corps, 14th Air Force, earning 2 Distinguished Fly-
16 ing Crosses and other decorations for his skill and
17 bravery;

18 (3) Ted Stevens, after serving as a United
19 States Attorney in the territory of Alaska, came to
20 Washington, District of Columbia in 1956 to serve
21 in the Eisenhower Administration in the Department
22 of the Interior, where he was a leading force in se-
23 curing the legislation that led to the admission of
24 Alaska as the 49th State on January 3, 1959, and
25 then as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior;

1 (4) in 1961, Ted Stevens returned to the State
2 of Alaska and, in 1964, was elected to the Alaska
3 House of Representatives, where he was subse-
4 quently elected as Speaker pro tempore and majority
5 leader until his appointment on December 24, 1968,
6 to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death
7 of Senator E.L. Bartlett;

8 (5) Ted Stevens, the longest-serving Republican
9 Senator in the history of the Senate, served as
10 President pro tempore of the Senate from 2003
11 through 2007 and as President pro tempore emer-
12 itus from 2008 to 2009, and over the course of his
13 career in the Senate, Ted Stevens served as assist-
14 ant Republican leader, Chairman of the Select Com-
15 mittee on Ethics, Chairman of the Committee on
16 Rules and Administration, Chairman of the Com-
17 mittee on Governmental Affairs, Chairman of the
18 Committee on Appropriations, and Chairman of the
19 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
20 tation;

21 (6) Ted Stevens worked tirelessly for the enact-
22 ment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
23 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), which provided for the
24 conveyance of approximately 44,000,000 acres of
25 land in the State of Alaska to the Aleut, Eskimo,

1 and Indian peoples and created Native Corporations
2 to secure the long-term economic, cultural, and polit-
3 ical empowerment of the Native peoples of the State
4 of Alaska;

5 (7) Ted Stevens was a leader in shaping the
6 communications policies of the United States, as he
7 helped to establish the spectrum auction policy, ne-
8 gotiated the Telecommunications Act of 1996, au-
9 thored the Digital Television Transition and Public
10 Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note; Public Law
11 109–171), and passionately advocated for the con-
12 nection of rural America to the rest of the world and
13 to improve the lives of the people of the United
14 States through the use of telemedicine and distance
15 learning;

16 (8) Ted Stevens was a conservationist who
17 championed the safe development of the natural re-
18 sources of the United States, as illustrated by his
19 authorship of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authoriza-
20 tion Act (43 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.), the Magnuson-
21 Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
22 (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), which established the 200-
23 mile exclusive economic zone and led to a reduction
24 in the dominance of foreign fishing fleets in the fish-
25 eries of the United States, the Magnuson-Stevens

1 Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthoriza-
2 tion Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–479; 120 Stat.
3 3575), which established conservation measures de-
4 signed to end overfishing, and the High Seas
5 Driftnet Fisheries Enforcement Act (16 U.S.C.
6 1826a et seq.), which provided for the denial of
7 entry into ports of the United States and the imposi-
8 tion of sanctions on vessels carrying out large-scale
9 driftnet fishing beyond the exclusive economic zone
10 of any nation;

11 (9) Ted Stevens was committed to health and
12 fitness in his personal life and in his legislative ac-
13 accomplishments, as illustrated by his authorship of
14 the Ted Stevens Amateur and Olympic Sports Act
15 (36 U.S.C. 220501 et seq.), his encouragement of
16 providing equality to female athletes through the en-
17 actment of title IX of the Education Amendments of
18 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), and his leadership
19 in improving physical education programs in schools
20 through the Carol M. White Physical Education Pro-
21 gram (20 U.S.C. 7261 et seq.);

22 (10) Ted Stevens unconditionally supported the
23 needs of the Armed Forces of the United States
24 through visits to soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines,
25 and Coast Guardsmen in every major military con-

1 flict and war zone where United States military per-
 2 sonnel have been assigned during his service in the
 3 Senate, including Vietnam, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kosovo,
 4 Iraq, and Afghanistan, and in his role as Chairman
 5 and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on De-
 6 fense Appropriations for more than 20 years;

7 (11) Ted Stevens was a devoted husband, fa-
 8 ther, and grandfather who worked to promote fam-
 9 ily-friendly policies in the Federal government;

10 (12) Ted Stevens was well-respected for reach-
 11 ing across the aisle to forge bipartisan alliances and
 12 enjoyed many close friendships with colleagues in
 13 both political parties and with his staff, who were
 14 deeply loyal to him; and

15 (13) the designation of the unnamed highest
 16 peak in the State of Alaska, along with an icefield
 17 in the Chugach Forest in that State, in honor of
 18 Ted Stevens would be a fitting tribute to his honor-
 19 able life and legacy.

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF MOUNT STEVENS.**

21 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
 22 date of enactment of this Act, the United States Board
 23 on Geographic Names (referred to in this Act as the
 24 “Board”) shall designate the unnamed, 13,895-foot peak
 25 in the Alaska Range near Denali Park in the State of

1 Alaska, located at latitude 62.920469308 and longitude
2 151.066510314, as the “Mount Stevens”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the peak referred to in subsection (a) shall be
6 deemed to be a reference to the “Mount Stevens”.

7 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF TED STEVENS ICEFIELD.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF ICEFIELD.—In this section, the
9 term “icefield” means the icefield in the northern Chugach
10 Forest in the State of Alaska—

11 (1) comprising approximately 8,340 square
12 miles, as delineated by such map as shall be pro-
13 vided and made available for public inspection by the
14 Forest Service; and

15 (2) including the Harvard, Yale, Columbia,
16 Nelchina, Tazlina, Valdez, and Shoup Glaciers.

17 (b) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall designate
19 the icefield as the “Ted Stevens Icefield”.

20 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
21 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
22 States to the icefield shall be deemed to be a reference
23 to the “Ted Stevens Icefield”.

