A RESOLUTION

Supporting the passage by the United States Congress of H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000.

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

WHEREAS hunters, trappers, and sport fishermen have been the primary supporters of wildlife and fish conservation for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS federal financial support for wildlife and sport fish conservation and restoration has come at the insistence of hunters, trappers, and sport fishermen who supported the establishment of taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and the dedication of the revenue from those taxes to support the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program, respectively; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program, billions of dollars have been raised for wildlife and sport fish conservation and restoration programs; and

WHEREAS the success of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program is measured by the abundance of wildlife and sport fish in many states and the
WHEREAS the integrity of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program should be preserved to maintain successful wildlife and sport fish conservation and restoration programs and the heritage of fishing, hunting, and trapping that those programs support; and

WHEREAS Congressman Don Young of Alaska has introduced H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, to restore the integrity of those programs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature finds that H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, would restore the integrity of those programs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Congress pass H.R. 3671 to restore the integrity of the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.