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Expressing support for Vancouver, British Columbia's, bid for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games.

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

WHEREAS Alaska and British Columbia, Canada, are neighbors who share close economic, cultural, historic, and athletic ties; and

WHEREAS Alaska and British Columbia provide world-class facilities for outdoor and indoor winter recreation and sports; and

WHEREAS Alaska and British Columbia enjoy a long history of friendly competition in all winter sports of the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games; and

WHEREAS a close relationship has developed between Alaska and British Columbia by working together on world-class civic events such as the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and by sharing the economic benefits of other world-class events; and

WHEREAS the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games provide worldwide exposure and promotion for the host city and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, generated over \$1,000,000,000 in revenue and spending in the entire western region of the United States; and

WHEREAS a successful bid for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games is projected to create over 250,000 new jobs and generate up to \$10,000,000,000 in economic activity for British Columbia and increase its media attention; and

WHEREAS, if Vancouver's bid is successful, the entire economy, particularly the tourism industry, emerging industries, and small businesses of the Pacific Northwest area of the United States and Canada will benefit from an estimated \$6,000,000,000 of worldwide media attention; and

WHEREAS benefits from hosting the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games would continue to accrue with increased tourism even 10 years after the games;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in the spirit of friendship, the Alaska State Legislature fully supports Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in its effort to win the right to host the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Winter Paralympic Games.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, Canada; the Honorable Larry W. Campbell, Mayor of Vancouver, British Columbia; Mr. Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee; Mr. Lloyd D. Ward, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General of the United States Olympic Committee; Mr. John Furlong, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation; the Honorable Ted Stevens, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and member of the Alaska Delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.