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Senate Joint Resolution 15 Recognizing Alaska/Canada Relationship

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Senate Joint Resolution 15 honors the relationship shared between Canada and Alaska. Canada and the United States share the world's longest border, 5,522 miles—1,538 of which is shared with just Alaska, Yukon Territory, and the Province of British Columbia.

Canada and Alaska are both rich in our natural beauty, abundant renewable resources, indigenous peoples and cultures, history, and government ties. We share a border, airspace, and environment. Together we defend North America against external threats.

Our people share families, friends, jobs, and one of the most successful international relationships in the modern world. We move goods and transport people between our border regularly. Our cruise and tourism industries are dependent on each other's. The North West Passage is our shared gateway to the Arctic.

Together we have built longstanding collaborations on economic opportunities, health, education, energy security, environmental protections, infrastructure, and public safety issues. We have worked to advance and sustain the health and resiliency of the Arctic and northern peoples and communities by strengthening economic, cultural, and family connections across the region.

Trade between our countries totals over \$1.3 billion across multiple industries and contributes to nearly 11,000 jobs between us allowing for more than 50 Canadian-owned companies to operate in Alaska.

Our interdependent communities are uniquely intertwined, as is Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) with its American Commander and Canadian Deputy Commander.

Together, Canada and Alaska create better lives for our respective residents and citizens. This should be formally recognized. I look forward to continued cooperation friendship, trade, tourism, culture exchange, and good will between us.