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Relating to the promotion of Alaskan and Soviet exchanges.

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

WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union agreed in December 1987 to establish a bilateral group to work on Arctic issues; and

WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union also agreed to work toward the promotion of air transportation between the two countries; and

WHEREAS Alaska lies only a few miles from the Siberian coast of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the Soviet Union share a common interest in the sound management of the fisheries resources of the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS efforts to stimulate travel, trade, cultural, fisheries, wildlife, and scientific exchanges between Alaska and Siberia are consistent with and supportive of efforts by the United States and the Soviet Union to improve understandings between the two nations; and

WHEREAS President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev are hoping to meet in mid-1988 to discuss a wide range of issues;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the President of the United States to give continued support to an opening of the border between Alaska and Siberia to air travel, trade, cultural, fisheries, wildlife, and scientific exchanges and these subjects be a part of the agenda for the 1988 meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Shultz, Secretary of State; 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.