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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. BLODGETT

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to requesting the Department of State to take necessary steps to re-open Trade and Communications between Alaska and Siberia.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN THE FIRST LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

WHEREAS, over the centuries and up until the Bolshevik Revolution, the peoples of Siberia and Alaska were in constant communication and traveled frequently between the two areas; and

WHEREAS, many of the inhabitants of Alaska have relatives on the Siberian side of the Bering Sea, with whom they have not been in contact since the Revolution and with whom they would greatly desire communication; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Siberia, as well as having inhabitants who are related, have similar ecology and problems thereby making it likely that a re-opening of communications would lead to a common solution of their common problems; and

WHEREAS, a lessening of the tensions of the "Cold War"- an end to which all peoples aspire - can only be brought about by person-to-person contact, which in the case of Siberia and Alaska would undoubtedly be most fruitful because of the blood relationships and common problems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, State of Alaska, First Legislature First Session Assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Department of State be and it is

1 hereby respectfully requested on behalf of the people of Alaska
2 to take whatever steps are necessary to re-establish and re-open
3 communications and trade between Siberia and Alaska.

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