

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. NUSUNGINYA

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 41

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE FRED SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE

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HONORABLE GLENN EMMONS, COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN

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AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST

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GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS,

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REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE JAMES HAWKINS, AREA

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DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, the people along the Arctic coast of Alaska depend

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to a major degree upon fuel oil for heat during the winter months;

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WHEREAS, the population of this area has been growing at a

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record rate during the past 10 years due to the increase of em-

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ployment opportunity in the area; and

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WHEREAS, the new and planned construction of schools, hos-

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pitals, and other installations will further increase the Barrow

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population during the years to come; and

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WHEREAS, the towns and villages along the Arctic coast have

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been unable to import sufficient fuel oil and other commodities

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during the past several years to last through the winter; and

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WHEREAS, the only vessel supplying the civilian portion of

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the population of the area is the Bureau of Indian Affairs USMS

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NORTH STAR, which has reached the limit of its fuel oil capacity

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and cargo space; and

1 WHEREAS, the USMS NORTH STAR serves over 40 Arctic com-
2 munities not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation
3 with fuel oil and other commodities;

4 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the Department of
5 the Interior make every effort to acquire a larger ship for the
6 Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska in order that it may provide
7 this necessary expanded fuel and cargo service to communities
8 not otherwise served by commercial surface transportation.
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