

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. STALKER

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to allowing Alaska residents

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to take certain migratory birds.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND

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LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the taking of migratory birds, such as ducks and

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geese, is presently prevented under federal law for all seasons

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but the fall of the year; and

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WHEREAS, the Alaskans of northern and western Alaska are

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dependent upon migratory waterfowl for both food and clothing;

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WHEREAS, the closed season on migratory waterfowl imposes a

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hardship upon the Alaskans which far outweighs the small conserva-

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tion benefit that may accrue from forbidding them to take a small

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number of birds; and

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WHEREAS, the health and welfare of people should always out-

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weigh principles of wildlife conservation;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Fish and

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Wildlife Service be respectfully urged to permit Alaskans in

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northern and western Alaska to take a maximum of two migratory

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birds per day from May 31 to August 15 of each year, and that

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the regular season be opened for them on August 15 of each year;

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and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to

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the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the

1 Commissioner of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the  
2 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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