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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *§ 34*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to loans of Nunivak Island
6 reindeer breeding stock to residents
7 of Northwestern Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
9 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, Nunivak Island is so over-populated with federally
11 owned reindeer that, to protect the moss and lichen on which the
12 reindeer graze, the government may find it necessary to import
13 wolves to Nunivak Island to thin down the herds; and

14 WHEREAS, there are many people in Northwestern Alaska who
15 could become self-supporting if they were given the opportunity
16 to obtain reindeer breeding stock; and

17 WHEREAS, there are many thousands of unused acres of land in
18 Northwestern Alaska suitable for raising reindeer; and

19 WHEREAS, the destruction with wolves of the surplus reindeer
20 on Nunivak Island -- the property of all the people of the United
21 States -- would be an unnecessary and unwise waste, especially
22 while there are people of the United States who desperately need
23 breeding stock to begin herds of their own; and

24 WHEREAS, the lending of reindeer for breeding stock by the
25 federal government for starting new herds is not a new departure but
26 is a usual and accepted program;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Department
29 of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, be respect-

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1 fully urged to institute a program by which the people on the
2 mainland of Northwestern Alaska may, on application, each borrow
3 500 head of reindeer to use as breeding stock, reserving from
4 destruction on Nunivak Island as many as 10,000 reindeer to be
5 used in the program; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor
7 of Alaska, be respectfully requested to direct the Department of
8 Natural Resources and the Department of Commerce to coordinate
9 the loan program with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in whatever
10 way is necessary; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed
12 to the Alaska Delegation in Congress; the Honorable Stewart L.
13 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash,
14 Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett,
15 Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Phil R.
16 Holdsworth, Commissioner of Natural Resources; the Honorable
17 James W. Wilson, Director, Division of Agriculture; and the
18 Honorable A. H. Romick, Commissioner of Commerce.
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