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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to improving the reindeer
6 breed strain on St. Lawrence Island.

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

9 WHEREAS, the villages of Gambell and Savoonga, in 1960,
10 formed village companies to revive the reindeer industry on St.
11 Lawrence Island; and

12 WHEREAS, the reindeer stock on St. Lawrence Island has been
13 inbreeding for many years, with the result that the stock is of
14 inferior quality, making the commendable efforts of the villages
15 of Gambell and Savoonga difficult; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which administers the
17 Federal Reindeer Reservation on St. Lawrence Island, provides the
18 residents of St. Lawrence Island with technical and financial
19 assistance, to help them develop their own reindeer herds; and

20 WHEREAS, fine reindeer breeding stock is available on Nunivak
21 Island, where there is an excess of reindeer, from the Sigfried
22 Ankongak reindeer herd at Golovin, and from the John Kakaruk
23 reindeer herd and other herds on the mainland of Northwestern
24 Alaska, which, if crossed with the herds on St. Lawrence Island,
25 would improve the quality of the St. Lawrence herds;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
27 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Department
28 of Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, be respectfully
29 urged to select sufficient reindeer stock from one or more of the

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1 herds mentioned above and use them to improve the strain of
2 reindeer on St. Lawrence Island; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
4 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
5 Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the
6 Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area Director, Bureau of Indian
7 Affairs; and the Alaska Delegation to Congress.

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