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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to defining reindeer grazing  
6 ranges on the mainland of Northwestern  
7 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS, the federal government, through the Bureau of Indian  
11 Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management, has the responsibility  
12 to define reindeer grazing lands and to issue grazing permits;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the reindeer industry on the mainland of North-  
15 western Alaska provides a source of income for residents of that  
16 part of the state; and

17 WHEREAS, most reindeer herds graze on range land owned by  
18 the federal government, much of which has not been defined; and

19 WHEREAS, grazing on undefined ranges necessarily results in  
20 inefficient, wasteful herd management because no herd owner knows  
21 what part of the range he is responsible for, to the detriment of  
22 the reindeer industry of Northwestern Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS, many people on the mainland of Northwestern Alaska  
24 have long-standing applications to have grazing ranges defined  
25 which have not been acted upon;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
27 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Bureau of  
28 Land Management, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
29 be respectfully urged to define grazing areas for the existing

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1 reindeer herds on the mainland of Northwestern Alaska and to re-  
2 define grazing lands there which have value but on which reindeer  
3 herds have not yet been re-established; and be it

4       FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
5 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
6 Honorable Karl S. Landstrom, Director, Bureau of Land Management;  
7 the Honorable Roger R. Robinson, State Director, Bureau of Land  
8 Management; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian  
9 Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area Director, Bureau  
10 of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner  
11 of Natural Resources; the Honorable Roscoe E. Bell, Director,  
12 Division of Lands; and the members of the Alaska delegation in  
13 Congress.

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