

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

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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; and

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WHEREAS, migratory waterfowl are not available to many Alaskans

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in these areas during the regular fall season by virtue of the

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fact that most of the birds have moved elsewhere at this time; and

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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 Alaska Con-

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gressional Delegation be respectfully urged to undertake the

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necessary action to attempt to amend the Migratory Waterfowl Act

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to provide that seasonal and bag limit regulations be adopted for

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certain areas which allow equitable utilization of the waterfowl

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resource during April and May by people otherwise denied same; and

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1 be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to
3 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
4 Commissioner of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the members
5 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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