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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of Gull

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Island as a state bird refuge.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CON-

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CURRING:

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WHEREAS, Gull Island in Kachemak Bay is a nesting place for

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many different kinds of birds, and the furthest-east nesting place

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of the red-faced cormorant, a bird found only in Western Alaska;

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and

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WHEREAS, even now it is a well-used tourist attraction, with

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charter boats carrying tourists out to observe the many kinds of

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birds; and

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WHEREAS, Gull Island, being only three miles from the end of

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the Homer Spit, is easily accessible to the increasing numbers of

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people in the area; and

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WHEREAS, the encroachment of civilization will result in

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divesting the island of its bird population unless protective

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measures are taken, as is already observable from the fact that

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only 48 nesting pairs of the red-faced cormorant were counted there

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during the 1963 nesting season; and

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WHEREAS, this island will be of the greatest value to the

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state if it is kept an area of unspoiled natural habitat;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to

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see that the necessary steps are taken to set aside Gull Island in

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Kachemak Bay as a state bird refuge.

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