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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the taking of migra-
6 tory waterfowl for subsistence
7 purposes.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS, the taking of migratory waterfowl in Alaska for sub-
10 sistence purposes has been questioned by federal authorities under
11 provisions of an international treaty and federal law; and

12 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior and officials of the
13 U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service have signified their recognition
14 of the need for reasonable interpretation of treaty and law to
15 allow the taking of migratory birds by residents who traditionally
16 have depended on them for subsistence; and

17 WHEREAS, the courts of Canada have reviewed the same treaty
18 and have found that it does not preclude subsistence taking of
19 migratory birds by persons dependent on them; and

20 WHEREAS, the lack of a formal announcement of a similar deci-
21 sion by U. S. officials has caused and will continue to cause
22 uncertainty and friction in the field when enforcement agents are
23 not advised of informal decisions or do not take cognizance of
24 them;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is respect-
26 fully requested to make a formal ruling and announcement that
27 migratory waterfowl may be taken in Alaska by persons who have
28 been traditionally or are otherwise dependent on them for sub-
29 sistence.

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