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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to encouraging the passage of

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S. 623, providing for a program of agri-

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cultural land development in Alaska.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS Alaska does not have an adequate or dependable food supply because it lacks the means for producing a sound and stable agriculture; and

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WHEREAS the clearing, draining, and otherwise shaping of fertile farm lands have proven to be such a hardship on the individual producer that the development and utilization of the agricultural resources of the state have been extremely slow; and

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WHEREAS inability to utilize the available agricultural resources of the state jeopardizes any economic growth by the state; and

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WHEREAS states having a balanced economy have proven to be our nation's greatest asset; and

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WHEREAS the development of Alaska's indigenous agriculture is also extremely vital to the nation's military defense program and to Alaska's own civilian defense program, thereby creating an urgent need for fast development of the agricultural potentiality of the state; and

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WHEREAS, with the enactment of Senate Bill 623, introduced by Senators E. L. Bartlett and Ernest Gruening, Alaska could look forward to the day when enough farm commodities could be produced to support the population, thereby stabilizing the economic

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1 development of Alaska;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to take
3 favorable action on Senate Bill 623, thereby allowing Alaska to
4 take another big step forward in the development of all of its
5 resources; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
7 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the
8 Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President and President of the
9 Senate; the Honorable Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture;
10 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the
11 Honorable Allen J. Ellender, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agri-
12 culture and Forestry; the Honorable Harold Cooley, Chairman, House
13 Committee on Agriculture; and to the members of the Alaska
14 delegation in Congress.

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