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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS the reindeer industry on the mainland of Northwestern Alaska
13 provides a source of income for residents of that part of the state; and

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

16 WHEREAS grazing on undefined ranges necessarily results in inefficient,
17 wasteful herd management because no herd owner knows what part of the range
18 he is responsible for, to the detriment of the reindeer industry of North-
19 western Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS many people on the mainland of Northwestern Alaska have long-
21 standing applications to have grazing ranges defined which have not been
22 acted upon;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the
24 Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
25 is respectfully urged to define grazing areas for the existing reindeer herds
26 on the mainland of Northwestern Alaska and to re-define grazing lands there
27 which have value but on which reindeer herds have not yet been re-established.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.
29 Udall, Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Charles H. Stoddard, Director,

1 Bureau of Land Management; the Honorable Burton. W. Silcock, State Director,
2 Bureau of Land Management; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of
3 Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen D. Morken, Area Director, Bureau of Indian
4 Affairs; the Honorable Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner of Natural Resources;
5 the Honorable Roscoe E. Bell, Director, Division of Lands; and the Honorable
6 E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the
7 Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
8 delegation in Congress.

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