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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to improving the reindeer  
6 breed strain on St. Lawrence Island.

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

8 WHEREAS the villages of Gambell and Savoonga, in 1960, formed village  
9 companies to revive the reindeer industry on St. Lawrence Island; and

10 WHEREAS the reindeer stock on St. Lawrence Island has been inbreeding for  
11 many years, with the result that the stock is of inferior quality, making the  
12 commendable efforts of the villages of Gambell and Savoonga difficult; and

13 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which administers the Federal  
14 Reindeer Reservation on St. Lawrence Island, provides the residents of  
15 St. Lawrence Island with technical and financial assistance, to help them  
16 develop their own reindeer herds; and

17 WHEREAS fine reindeer breeding stock is available on Nunivak Island,  
18 where there is an excess of reindeer, from the Sigfried Ankongak reindeer herd  
19 at Golovin, and from the John Kakaruk reindeer herd and other herds on the  
20 mainland of Northwestern Alaska, which, if crossed with the herds on  
21 St. Lawrence Island, would improve the quality of the St. Lawrence herds;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the  
23 Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, be respect-  
24 fully urged to select sufficient reindeer stock from one or more of the herds  
25 mentioned above and use them to improve the strain of reindeer on St. Lawrence  
26 Island.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.  
28 Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commis-  
29 sioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen D. Morken, Area Director,

1 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
2 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.  
3 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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