

Original Sponsors: Reeves, Beirne,  
Cornelius and Hensley

Introduced: 3/12/69  
Referred: Health, Welfare  
and Education

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the traditional arts of  
6 the Tlinget and Haida Indians.

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

8 WHEREAS the arts and skills of the Tlinget and Haida Indians are unsur-  
9 passed in beauty and quality throughout the traditional art world; and

10 WHEREAS these traditional arts and skills have been neglected to the  
11 point where they have begun to reach a state of stagnation and decay; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska Indian Arts, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Port  
13 Chilkoot, Alaska, has spent the last 10 years attempting to halt the decline  
14 and to revive and restore the arts and skills of the Indians; and

15 WHEREAS this program is unable to continue without proper aid and as-  
16 sistance; and

17 WHEREAS it is necessary that the Department of the Interior and the  
18 Bureau of Indian Affairs, as well as the Alaska Department of Education,  
19 provide their full support to projects which attempt to revive and preserve  
20 traditional Indian arts and skills;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of  
22 Indian Affairs are requested to investigate the needs of Alaska Indian Arts,  
23 Inc. and similar programs to aid in the continuance of their very important  
24 services to the Indian people; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct the Department  
26 of Education to conduct a similar investigation with a similar goal.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secre-  
29 tary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian

1 Affairs; the Honorable Charles A. Richmond, Area Director of the Bureau of  
2 Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
3 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Repre-  
4 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29