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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Commending the efforts of the migrant
6 farm workers of Delano, California and
7 urging support of their LA CAUSA.

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

9 WHEREAS the only differentiating factor between the circumstance of the
10 negro slave in the ante-bellum south and the migrant farm workers in the
11 nonviolent war of the west is 104 years of progress for other Americans; and

12 WHEREAS 1.8 million migrant farm workers in the United States exist and
13 work under conditions permitting human dignity to survive only by a very
14 slender thread of hope; and

15 WHEREAS the grape-growing magnates of the west appear sightless to this
16 fundamental need of life; and

17 WHEREAS these Americans, accustomed as they are to suffering; accustomed
18 as they are to seeing their children suffer; accustomed as they are to
19 entertaining the notion that there is very little hope; have risen above
20 these down-goings and are now attempting by sheer personal will to achieve
21 a degree of human dignity for themselves and for their children; and

22 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez and others closely related to this attempt, are
23 advocating the nonviolent course followed by a personage possessing limitless
24 capacity to accept abuse and retain his "beautiful dream" thus lending
25 credence to Dr. King's belief that his dream would live on in the hearts
26 and minds of those sharing it with him;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska commends the
28 bravely fought cause of the Delano, California grape-pickers as being one in
29 which we can all share a dream and urges the President of the United States

1 and the Governor of California to lend their support to this effort to
2 achieve human dignity by a people too long denied.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Ronald Reagan, Governor
5 of California; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
6 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Repre-
7 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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