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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Expressing concern over misinforma-
6 tion and misguided action by
7 Congress regarding wildlife manage-
8 ment and harvest.

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

10 WHEREAS the public media along with uninformed members of the public
11 at large have attempted to hold themselves out to anyone who will listen as
12 experts in wildlife management and harvest; and

13 WHEREAS many years of study and direct experience are necessary in
14 order to obtain even a basic knowledge of this highly complex and often
15 times perplexing field; and

16 WHEREAS the United States Congress has indicated by its actions on
17 marine mammal protection and gun control legislation that it is being
18 directly influenced by these self-appointed "experts"; and

19 WHEREAS real experts such as Ben East in "The Big Lie" have repeatedly
20 exposed falsehood after falsehood being perpetuated by television programs,
21 the press, well meaning but uninformed members of the public and even the
22 Congress of the United States; and

23 WHEREAS a moment of unemotionally approached research would conclusively
24 show the overriding importance of hunting as a recreational and subsistence
25 activity; and

26 WHEREAS any truly knowledgeable person can demonstrate irrefutably the
27 importance of the proper harvest of wildlife as being the main tool in the
28 preservation of any game species;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature urges Congress to start

1 listening to their own federal game experts and to stop over-reacting to
2 uninformed emotional appeals before wildlife truly becomes extinct through
3 ignorance and emotionalism.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton,
6 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate
7 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall,
8 Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the
9 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the
10 Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
11 in Congress.

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