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1 IN THE HOUSE
2 BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
3 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

4 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

5 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

6 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

7 Relating to the unrestricted ownership
8 of Alaskan reindeer.

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

10 WHEREAS to date the reindeer industry in Alaska has not been developed
11 to anywhere near its optimum potential; and

12 WHEREAS testimony has been presented to the Alaska Legislature that one
13 of the hindrances to continued development and expansion of the reindeer
14 industry in Alaska is because of the fact that federal law prohibits owner-
15 ship of reindeer by all except Natives; and

16 WHEREAS many persons who would otherwise be interested in providing
17 investment capital in this industry are reluctant to do so because they are
18 prevented from accepting reindeer as collateral; and

19 WHEREAS no doubt when the federal Reindeer Act was enacted the intent
20 to protect Native ownership was a laudable one, but now as subsistence
21 living gives way to a modern monetary system the Alaska Native is actually
22 being hurt by the ownership restriction; and

23 WHEREAS the reindeer industry in Alaska desperately needs the infusion
24 of private capital in order to become a truly viable industry;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress
26 is respectfully requested to take immediate action to repeal those portions
27 of the federal Reindeer Act which restrict ownership of Alaska's reindeer
28 to the Alaska Native.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Henry M.
Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honor-
able James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee;

1 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
2 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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