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1 IN THE SENATE BY CROFT AND POLAND
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the Semidi National
6 Wildlife Refuge.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge contains approximately
9 256,000 acres of land and waters located in the Gulf of Alaska; and
10 WHEREAS no development or physical manipulation of the habitat of the
11 Semidi Islands has occurred, nor is any planned; and
12 WHEREAS a total of 43 species of birds has been identified on the
13 islands including the endangered peregrine falcon and a variety of marine
14 mammals inhabit the surrounding ocean waters; and
15 WHEREAS the massive concentration of birds and associated marine
16 resources in a relatively isolated setting provides unusual opportunities
17 for scientific studies which may provide many answers to the complex ecology
18 within a coastal ecosystem; and
19 WHEREAS designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness
20 would provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the
21 insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state for the use and enjoyment
22 of this and future generations of Americans; and
23 WHEREAS the Secretary of Interior must, in the near future, make recom-
24 mendations to the President of the United States as to the desirability of
25 including this refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System;
26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it urgently requests the
27 Secretary of the Interior to make favorable recommendations to the President
28 of the United States regarding the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife
29 Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
3 Secretary, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
4 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation
5 in Congress.

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