

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting exclusion from federal legis-

6 lation prohibiting the use of traps.

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

8 WHEREAS trapping in Alaska provides a vital and necessary addition to
9 the state's economy, generally, and in many cases is absolutely essential to
10 the maintenance of a subsistence way of life for low-income residents; and

11 WHEREAS trapping is a harvest of renewable resources; and

12 WHEREAS its acceptability has long been acknowledged by those familiar
13 with living in Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS methods which may be applicable in other states would not be
15 feasible in Alaska due to the remoteness of its geographic area and the
16 problems of access; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska already has clear and comprehensive laws relating to
18 trapping;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
20 that Alaska be excluded from any legislation which would prohibit or limit
21 the use of traps, leaving the regulation of trapping exclusively to the state
22 without restriction as to the sale of furs in any manner.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
24 President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary,
25 Department of Commerce; the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary, Department
26 of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
27 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
28 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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