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1 IN THE HOUSE

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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting exclusion from federal legis-

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lation prohibiting the use of traps.

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

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WHEREAS trapping in Alaska provides a vital and necessary addition to

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the state's economy, generally, and in many cases is absolutely essential to

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the maintenance of a subsistence way of life for low-income residents; and

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WHEREAS trapping is a harvest of renewable resources; and

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WHEREAS its acceptability has long been acknowledged by those familiar

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with living in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS methods which may be applicable in other states would not be

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feasible in Alaska due to the remoteness of its geographic area and the

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problems of access; and

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WHEREAS Alaska already has clear and comprehensive laws relating to

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trapping;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the sub-

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sistence needs of its citizens and in furtherance of its regulatory scheme,

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respectfully requests that Alaska and other states with comprehensive laws

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and regulations regarding trapping and traps be excluded from legislation

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which would prohibit or limit the use of traps, leaving the regulation of

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trapping exclusively to such states without restriction as to the sale of

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furs in any manner.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,

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President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary,

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Department of Commerce; the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary, Department

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of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike

1 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
2 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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