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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51 am 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an Arctic Country Mutual  
6 Interest Exchange Conference.

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

8 WHEREAS the arctic region of the world has become the focus of attention  
9 for the Northern Hemisphere and its search for renewable and nonrenewable  
10 resources to supply raw materials to the industrialized nations; and

11 WHEREAS the nine nations surrounding the Arctic Circle (Canada, Iceland,  
12 Norway, Sweden, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United  
13 States, Greenland and Denmark) have each developed their own solutions to the  
14 social, economic and environmental problems of the Arctic; and

15 WHEREAS an exchange of information, opinions and solutions to the issues  
16 and dilemmas facing the arctic nations would be beneficial to all partici-  
17 pating nations; and

18 WHEREAS there does not exist at this time a formal mechanism by which all  
19 the arctic nations may meet to exchange ideas on the common issues facing  
20 them; and

21 WHEREAS it would be an appropriate undertaking for the State of Alaska  
22 in this year, our nation's bicentennial, to initiate an international exchange  
23 of ideas of mutual interest among arctic nations;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska  
25 delegation in Congress to make the appropriate representations to the Presi-  
26 dent and the Secretary of State to effectuate initiation of an Arctic-Country  
27 Mutual Interest Exchange Conference to be held in Alaska; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that this conference initiate an exchange of information  
29 on social, economic and environmental issues to include but not limited to

1 discussions of health, transportation, telecommunications, economic develop-  
2 ment, energy resources development, arctic engineering, environmental conser-  
3 vation, agriculture, land use, indigenous peoples and cultural exchange and  
4 establish a formal program by which this exchange may continue in the future.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
6 President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger, Secretary of  
7 State; to the Ambassadors to the United States from Canada, Denmark, Finland,  
8 Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and to  
9 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
10 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
11 tion in Congress.