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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting an earlier opening of the

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caribou season in the arctic game manage-

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ment units.

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

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WHEREAS many villages in the state's arctic game management units have

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always utilized the meat of the caribou as their primary wild meat food

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source; and

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WHEREAS, due to a serious depletion of the Western-Arctic herd in

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recent years, state regulations have reduced the allowable take of caribou

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in Units 23, 24, 26A and 26B from fifteen a year to one bull by permit only,

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with a change of the opening of the season from July 15 to October 1; and

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WHEREAS the October 1 opening date fails to recognize that in most cases

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bull caribou have started rutting by that date and their meat is unfit for

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human consumption; and

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WHEREAS, with so few animals available for human use, wastage of this

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nature is intolerable;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Game

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is respectfully requested to change the opening date for the caribou season

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in Units 23, 24, 26A, and 26B from October 1 to August 1.

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