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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the establishment of an
6 Arctic Circumpolar Cultural and
7 Technical Interchange Center.

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

9 WHEREAS Congress has established the Hemispheric Center for Cultural and
10 Technical Interchange in Puerto Rico for the promotion of better relations
11 and understanding between the United States and the other nations of the
12 western hemisphere; and

13 WHEREAS the purpose of the center in Puerto Rico is to provide a place
14 where scholars and students in various disciplines from throughout the
15 western hemisphere may meet, study, and exchange ideas and views which pro-
16 mote the international, educational, cultural, and related activities of the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS Congress has established the Center for Cultural and Technical
19 Interchange between East and West in Hawaii for the promotion of better
20 relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia
21 and the Pacific; and

22 WHEREAS the purpose of the center in Hawaii is to provide a place where
23 scholars and students in various fields of study from the nations of the East
24 and the West may study, give and receive training, exchange ideas and views
25 which promote the international, educational, cultural, and related activi-
26 ties of the United States; and

27 WHEREAS the United States shares the Arctic circumpolar frontiers with
28 other Arctic coastal nations: Canada, Greenland/Denmark, Norway, and the
29 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

1 WHEREAS the problems of life and living in an Arctic environment are
2 shared by the nations of the Arctic community; and

3 WHEREAS the extreme problems of environmental accommodation posed by the
4 Arctic climate are shared by the Arctic community; and

5 WHEREAS the solutions to these and other problems of life in the Arctic
6 can best proceed from cooperative endeavors of the Arctic peoples; and

7 WHEREAS the world need for energy resources from the Arctic would be
8 facilitated by common work and coordination among the Arctic peoples; and

9 WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the State of Alaska to parti-
10 cipate in any effort by the United States to provide leadership and initia-
11 tive in American Arctic circumpolar resource management and development;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is urged to
13 authorize a program for

14 (1) the establishment and operation in Alaska of an institution
15 concerned with Arctic circumpolar cultural and economic research, develop-
16 ment, and the exchange of ideas and views through arrangements with public
17 educational or other nonprofit institutions;

18 (2) grants, fellowships and other aid to outstanding scholars and
19 authorities from the Arctic circumpolar nations as may be necessary to
20 attract such authorities to the institution;

21 (3) grants, scholarships, and other aid to qualified students from
22 the Arctic circumpolar nations as may be necessary to enable such students to
23 engage in study at the institution; and

24 (4) making the facilities of the institution available for study
25 to other qualified persons on a reasonable basis.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter Mondale,
27 President of the U. S. Senate; the Honorable Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the U.
28 S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
29 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.

1 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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