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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 am  
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 Inter-American Cultural and Trade  
10 Center in Florida for the promotion of better relations and understanding  
11 between the United States and the other nations of the western hemisphere;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS the purpose of the center in Florida is to provide a place  
14 where governments and industries from throughout the western hemisphere  
15 may meet, study, and exchange ideas and views which promote the international  
16 educational, cultural, and related activities of the United States; and

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS the problems of life and living in an Arctic environment are

1 shared by the nations of the Arctic community; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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