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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 am S

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the establishment of an

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Arctic Circumpolar Cultural and

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Technical Interchange Center.

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

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WHEREAS Congress has established the Center for Cultural and Technical

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Interchange between East and West in Hawaii for the promotion of better

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relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia

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and the Pacific; and

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WHEREAS the purpose of the center in Hawaii is to provide a place where

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scholars and students in various fields of study from the nations of the East

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and the West may study, give and receive training, exchange ideas and views

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which promote the international, educational, cultural, and related activi-

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ties of the United States; and

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WHEREAS the United States shares the Arctic circumpolar frontiers with

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other Arctic coastal nations: Canada, Greenland/Denmark, Norway, and the

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

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

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shared by the nations of the Arctic community; and

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WHEREAS the extreme problems of environmental accommodation posed by the

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Arctic climate are shared by the Arctic community; and

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WHEREAS the solutions to these and other problems of life in the Arctic

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can best proceed from cooperative endeavors of the Arctic peoples; and

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WHEREAS the world need for energy resources from the Arctic would be

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facilitated by common work and coordination among the Arctic peoples; and

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WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the State of Alaska to parti-

1 cipate in any effort by the United States to provide leadership and initia-
2 tive in American Arctic circumpolar resource management and development;

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

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

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

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

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

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to enter into a joint agreement
18 with all other participating Arctic coastal nations to mutually share the
19 expenses for establishing and operating the Arctic Circumpolar Cultural
20 Technical Interchange Center.

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

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