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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Expressing gratitude to the Canadian
6 government and the Canadian citizens
7 involved in the rescue of six
8 Americans from Iran.

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

10 WHEREAS members of the Canadian embassy staff in Iran and the Canadian
11 government have shown, in their actions from November 4, 1979, to January 28,
12 1980, the highest standards of courage and integrity; and

13 WHEREAS the actions of these persons in providing refuge to six
14 Americans after the shocking seizure of the United States embassy in Iran and
15 in helping the Americans to escape from Iran exposed the Canadian embassy
16 staff and the Canadian government to grave danger of retaliation by the
17 Iranians; and

18 WHEREAS the unhesitating decision of the Canadians to assist the six
19 Americans, notwithstanding the unmistakable presence of personal and inter-
20 national dangers, was an act of bravery and moral fortitude for which
21 gratitude cannot be adequately expressed; and

22 WHEREAS the daring action of the Canadians, which has been described as
23 the "Canadian caper", took place at a time when the spirit of the United
24 States was in need of being raised; and

25 WHEREAS the "Canadian caper" has raised our spirits by reminding us that
26 we have a good and true friend in Canada; and

27 WHEREAS the special relationship and common interests which exist
28 between Alaska and Canada make Alaskans especially proud of and grateful for
29 the actions of the Canadians involved in the "Canadian caper";

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its gratitude
2 to the Canadian government and to the Canadians involved in the rescue of the
3 Americans from Iran.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honorable Joseph
5 Clark, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Flora MacDonald, Minister of
6 the Canada Department of External Affairs; the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
7 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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