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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Expressing gratitude to the Canadian

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government and the Canadian citizens

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involved in the rescue of six

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Americans from Iran.

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

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WHEREAS members of the Canadian embassy staff in Iran and the Canadian

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government have shown, in their actions from November 4, 1979, to January 28,

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1980, the highest standards of courage and integrity; and

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WHEREAS the actions of these persons in providing refuge to six

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Americans after the shocking seizure of the United States embassy in Iran and

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in helping the Americans to escape from Iran exposed the Canadian embassy

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staff and the Canadian government to grave danger of retaliation by the

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Iranians; and

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WHEREAS the unhesitating decision of the Canadians to assist the six

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Americans, notwithstanding the unmistakable presence of personal and inter-

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national dangers, was an act of bravery and moral fortitude for which

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gratitude cannot be adequately expressed; and

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WHEREAS the daring action of the Canadians, which has been described as

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the "Canadian caper", took place at a time when the spirit of the United

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States was in need of being raised; and

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WHEREAS the "Canadian caper" has raised our spirits by reminding us that

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we have a good and true friend in Canada; and

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WHEREAS the special relationship and common interests which exist

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between Alaska and Canada make Alaskans especially proud of and grateful for

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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 Pierre
5 Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Mark MacGuigan, 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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