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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR 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 unprecedented seizure of the United States embassy in  
15 Iran and in helping the Americans to escape from Iran exposed the Canadian  
16 embassy staff and the Canadian government to grave danger of retaliation by  
17 the Iranians; and

18 WHEREAS the unhesitating decision of the Canadians to assist the six  
19 Americans in the face of personal and international dangers, was an act of  
20 bravery and moral fortitude for which gratitude cannot be adequately ex-  
21 pressed; and

22 WHEREAS the daring action of the Canadians took place at a time when the  
23 spirit of the United States was in need of being raised; and

24 WHEREAS it has raised our spirits by reminding us that we have a good  
25 and true friend in Canada; and

26 WHEREAS the special relationship and common interests which exist between  
27 Alaska and Canada make Alaskans especially proud of and grateful for the  
28 actions of the Canadians;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its gratitude

1 to the Canadian government and to the Canadians involved in the rescue of the  
2 Americans from Iran.

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