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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting Congress to initiate an
6 Arctic Country Mutual Interest Ex-
7 change Conference.

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

9 WHEREAS the Arctic regions of the world have become the focus of atten-
10 tion for the countries of the northern hemisphere in their search for petro-
11 leum and the other raw materials necessary for life in the industrialized
12 nations; and

13 WHEREAS the ten nations surrounding the Arctic Circle (Japan, Iceland,
14 Norway, Sweden, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United
15 States, Canada, and Greenland/Denmark) have each developed their own solu-
16 tions to the economic, environmental, and social problems of life in the
17 Arctic; and

18 WHEREAS the exchange of information, opinions, and solutions to the
19 issues and dilemmas facing the Arctic nations would be beneficial to all of
20 the nations of the Arctic; and

21 WHEREAS there does not exist at this time a formal mechanism through
22 which all the nations of the Arctic may meet to exchange ideas on these
23 common issues facing them; and

24 WHEREAS the location of Alaska between the nations of the East and West
25 offers an ideal location for an international meeting on the concerns of the
26 nations of the Arctic;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the members of the
28 Alaska delegation in Congress are urged to make the appropriate representa-
29 tions to the President and Secretary of State to effectuate the initiation of

1 an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference to be held in Alaska;
2 and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the conference be used to initiate an exchange of
4 information on the economic, environmental, and social issues uniquely
5 affecting the nations of the Arctic in their search for and their development
6 of the renewable and nonrenewable resources of the Arctic including petroleum
7 and other raw materials.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
9 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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