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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Expressing concern over the reported
6 persecution of members of the Baha'i
7 religious community in Iran.

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

9 WHEREAS there have been numerous recent reports in the news media of mob
10 attacks directed at Baha'i believers throughout Iran; and

11 WHEREAS these news reports indicate that hundreds of homes, shops, and
12 business enterprises owned by Baha'is, together with many of their religious
13 centers, have been looted, burned or otherwise destroyed as a direct result
14 of these attacks; and

15 WHEREAS members of the Baha'i religious minority in Iran have in the past
16 been the objects of widespread discrimination; and

17 WHEREAS this ongoing persecution of members of the Baha'i faith in the
18 land of its origin causes much distress amongst Baha'is belonging to their 58
19 local Spritual Assemblies located throughout Alaska; and;

20 WHEREAS all Alaskans, regardless of religious persuasion, deplore
21 religious persecution or intolerance wherever it exists and share and
22 sympathize with the concern of Alaskan Baha'is on the current situation
23 confronting members of the Baha'i faith in Iran;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it expresses its
25 concern over the reported persecution of members of the Baha'i religious
26 community in Iran; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to use its
28 best efforts to put an end to both religious persecution and restriction of
29 human rights in Iran, wherever it exists.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
2 President of the United States; the Honorable Cyrus Vance, Secretary of
3 State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
4 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the
5 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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