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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the United States Congress to
6 pass special legislation to admit
7 Kirghiz tribe refugees from
8 Afghanistan to the United States for
9 resettlement on federal land in
10 Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS the Russian invasion of Afghanistan has forced thousands of
13 Kirghiz tribespeople to flee their mountain homes into Pakistan; and

14 WHEREAS living as refugees at low elevations in Pakistan without their
15 normal work as animal herders has seriously affected the health and dignity
16 of the Kirghiz; and

17 WHEREAS the Kirghiz have expressed a desire to resettle in a mountainous
18 area of Alaska where they could reestablish their homes and occupations; and

19 WHEREAS the Kirghiz tribespeople would be a beneficial addition to the
20 population of Alaska, being well suited for the rigorous climate of the
21 state, and being industrious, independent, and determined to live in a non-
22 Communist country; and

23 WHEREAS United States immigration laws would have to be specially amended
24 to allow the Kirghiz to resettle in this country;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
26 Congress be urged to adopt special legislation that would allow the Kirghiz
27 refugees from Afghanistan who are now living in Pakistan to emigrate to the
28 United States for the purpose of resettlement on federal land in Alaska; and
29 be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature pledges its assistance
2 in aiding the resettlement of the Kirghiz tribespeople in Alaska should they
3 be permitted to enter the United States.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable William French Smith, Attorney
6 General, Department of Justice; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of
7 the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable Thomas P.
8 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
9 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honor-
10 able Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
11 Congress.

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