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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the 1984 Yukon Quest sled

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dog race.

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

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WHEREAS 1984 marks the 25th anniversary of Alaska statehood; and

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WHEREAS this silver anniversary is being celebrated in a manner that

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captures the frontier spirit of Alaska's pioneering people; and

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WHEREAS sled dogs and drivers challenged the frozen wilderness and

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played an indispensable role in the exploration, settlement, and develop-

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ment of the North Country; and

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WHEREAS those pioneers charted unknown terrain in both the Alaska and

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Yukon territories; and

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WHEREAS a sled dog race has been established from Fairbanks, Alaska,

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to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to reenact the historic challenge of the

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wilderness; and

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WHEREAS that event will promote international goodwill and cooperation

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among people of the North;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes, commends,

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and encourages the Alaska-Yukon Trail Association as it stages the Yukon

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Quest, an epic 1,000 mile sled dog race between Fairbanks and Whitehorse,

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beginning February 25, 1984.