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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of a rela-
6 tionship of friendship with the Province
7 of Heilongjiang

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

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WHEREAS, in October, 1984, at the invitation of the Chinese
10 Institute of Foreign Affairs, a delegation from the State of Alaska, com-
11 posed of Governor Bill Sheffield, Representative Al Adams, and Alaska
12 industry leaders, paid a visit of trade and friendship to Heilongjiang
13 Province of the People's Republic of China; and

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Chen Lei, Governor of Heilongjiang Pro-
15 vince, accepted an invitation to pay a return visit to the State of Alaska,
16 accompanied by a delegation from the provincial government, on February 2,
17 1985; and

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WHEREAS, the establishment of closer ties of trade and friendship
19 with Alaska's neighbors along the Pacific Rim is important to the future
20 economic well-being of the residents of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the promotion of better understanding among the coun-
22 tries of the Pacific Rim through closer contacts on cultural and education-
23 al issues is beneficial to the peoples of Heilongjiang and Alaska as well
24 as China and the United States; and

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WHEREAS, similarities in geography, natural resources, and econ-
26 omic development provide common ground for the future development of
27 friendly cooperation and exchanges between the Province of Heilongjiang and
28 the State of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, based on the principles of equality, mutual respect, and

1 reciprocity, the Province of Heilongjiang and the State of Alaska could
2 benefit from the development of cooperation and exchanges in the fields of
3 economics, trade, science, technology, education, culture, and other
4 fields;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages and
6 endorses the establishment of an ongoing relationship of friendship and
7 cooperation between the Province of Heilongjiang and the State of Alaska.