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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 am

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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-

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tionship of friendship with the Province

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of Heilongjiang

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

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WHEREAS, in September and October, 1984, at the invitation of the

10 Chinese Institute of Foreign Affairs, delegations from the State of Alaska,

11 composed of Governor Bill Sheffield, members of the legislature and Alaska

12 industry leaders, paid a visit of trade and friendship to Heilongjiang

13 Province of the People's Republic of China; and

14 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

18 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

21 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

25 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

29 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.