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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a joint legislative confer-
6 ence of the Yukon Legislative Assembly,
7 the Northwest Territories Legislative
8 Assembly, and the Alaska State Legisla-
9 ture.

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

11 WHEREAS the State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory are neighbors,
12 sharing over 700 miles of international boundary; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share rich Native and non-
14 Native cultures that long predate the establishment of international bound-
15 aries; and

16 WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share a common habitat for
17 caribou, salmon and other wildlife resources; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share the potential for devel-
19 opment of tourism, hydroelectric power, and mineral resources; and

20 WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory have made cooperative agree-
21 ments in the areas of transportation and tourism; and

22 WHEREAS Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and the Northwest Territories lie
23 in or near the arctic and thus share common problems and challenges that
24 can best be solved by greater communication and cooperation between the
25 state and territorial governments, rather than at the federal level; and

26 WHEREAS increased communication, and a mutual understanding of our
27 forms of government will foster improved international cooperation; and

28 WHEREAS in 1982 the Alaska State Legislature, the Yukon Legislative
29 Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly held a joint

1 legislative conference in order to foster such cooperation, and in 1983,
2 1984, and 1986 the Alaska State Legislature and the Yukon Legislative
3 Assembly held similar conferences; and

4 WHEREAS a delegation from the Alaska State Legislature was invited to
5 meet with the Yukon Legislature this year during the Arctic Winter Games in
6 Whitehorse, Yukon Territory;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature invites members of
8 the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative
9 Assembly to meet in Juneau, Alaska during the First Session of the Fifteen-
10 th State Legislature, between January and May 1987, for a joint conference;
11 and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature is encouraged to
13 foster cooperation and friendship with the Yukon Legislative Assembly and
14 the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly by continuing joint legisla-
15 tive conferences in the years ahead.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Yukon
17 Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.