

BY THE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST (for the Subcommittee on
International Trade)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Encouraging the development of a working
6 relationship between Alaska and New
7 Zealand.

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

9 WHEREAS Alaska is interested in finding markets on the Pacific Rim for
10 mutual trade and tourism; and

11 WHEREAS New Zealand has many similarities to Alaska, including

12 (1) a common language, similar ideas, and can-do attitudes;

13 (2) a pioneer spirit and strong native cultures;

14 (3) small populations and underutilized geographical areas;

15 (4) abundant renewable resources; and

16 (5) a multitude of cultural activities; and

17 WHEREAS the opposition of seasons in New Zealand and Alaska enables
18 tourists to enjoy both summer and winter activities in a single season; and

19 WHEREAS direct airline travel between New Zealand and Alaska would
20 increase the tourist activity and exports between the two areas; and

21 WHEREAS the 30-year history of cooperation between Alaska and New
22 Zealand scientists in polar research at the North and South Poles has laid
23 a firm foundation for future scientific and technical cooperation; and

24 WHEREAS New Zealand and Alaska have enjoyed people-to-people student
25 exchanges in the past; and

26 WHEREAS the opportunities for cooperation between Alaska and New
27 Zealand include

28 (1) exchanging new technologies for conserving and utilizing
29 renewable resources;

1 (2) establishing sister cities, cultural exchanges, and univer-
2 sity exchanges;

3 (3) encouraging private sector business-to-business contacts
4 through direct government-to-government contact;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
6 the Governor to invite Ambassador Wallace Rowling of New Zealand to visit
7 Alaska to help develop a working relationship between the state and New
8 Zealand.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable David Lange,
10 Prime Minister of New Zealand; the Honorable Michael Moore, Minister of
11 Overseas Trade and Marketing for New Zealand; the Honorable David Caygill,
12 Minister of Trade and Industry for New Zealand; the Honorable Wallace
13 Rowling, Ambassador of New Zealand to the United States; and to the Honor-
14 able Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
15 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
16 in Congress.