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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to human rights in the Soviet
6 Union.

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

8 WHEREAS thousands of Soviet residents are denied the right to practice
9 their religion and express themselves culturally and are also refused the
10 right to emigrate to countries where they can be free; and

11 WHEREAS the United States and Alaska have long histories and strong
12 policies favoring such basic human rights and have recently, through Presi-
13 dent Reagan and Governor Cowper, reaffirmed those commitments; and

14 WHEREAS a number of Alaskans have personally demonstrated here and in
15 Washington for such human rights and have made deep personal commitments to
16 help refuseniks and other Soviet residents secure these freedoms;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports and praises
18 President Reagan for his strong stand supporting Soviet freedom of religion
19 and cultural expression, the release of all refuseniks, and the right to
20 emigrate; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges a continuing
22 national commitment to these basic human rights and praises Alaskans who
23 have participated in these efforts; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature invites other
25 states to join in this effort.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
27 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George P. Shultz,
28 Secretary of State; to the Honorable Yuri V. Dubinin, Ambassador of the
29 Soviet Union to the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the

1 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
2 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the
3 governor of each other state.

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