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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to Siberian medical research.  
6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
7 WHEREAS the state has strong historic bonds with the Territory of  
8 Siberia within the U.S.S.R.; and  
9 WHEREAS the state represents the primary American interest in the  
10 northern arctic and subarctic regions; and  
11 WHEREAS the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America have signed a  
12 medical research agreement giving the University of Alaska the responsibil-  
13 ity and authority to teach, develop, research, and coordinate circumpolar  
14 interests between the United States and the Siberian branch of the Academy  
15 of Medical Sciences in the U.S.S.R.; and  
16 WHEREAS this medical research agreement is the first ever to be signed  
17 between the Territory of Siberia and a western nation and reflects the  
18 unique and common environmental problems shared by both areas; and  
19 WHEREAS the people of the state have a strong desire to promote good  
20 relations within the border area of the Bering Sea shared by the U.S.S.R.  
21 and the United States of America; and  
22 WHEREAS common family ties also exist across the border area; and  
23 WHEREAS the medical research agreement has been cited as a potential  
24 model for further cooperation between the U.S.S.R. and the United States of  
25 America;  
26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its support  
27 for the University of Alaska's Siberian medical research program, and  
28 encourages all citizens of the state to participate in this historic effort  
29 to further peaceful cooperation and understanding.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
2 Reagan, President of the United States, and to Mikhail S. Gorbachev,  
3 General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; to Evgeny  
4 Chazov, Minister of Health of the U.S.S.R.; His Excellency Yuriy Veobimin,  
5 Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. to the United States; to the Honorable George P.  
6 Shultz, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Otis R. Bowen,  
7 M.D., United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; Robert Windom,  
8 M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Ser-  
9 vices, and Director of the U.S. Public Health Service; Donald D. O'Dowd,  
10 President of the University of Alaska; to each of the following: the Insti-  
11 tute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R.; the  
12 Siberian Branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the U.S.S.R.; the  
13 Peoples Soviet of the Territory of Siberia of the U.S.S.R.; the Peoples  
14 Soviet of the Territory of Khabarovsk of the U.S.S.R.; the Soviet Medical  
15 Workers Union; and the House of Friendship with Peoples of Foreign Coun-  
16 tries, Far Eastern Countries Department, U.S.S.R.; to the United States  
17 Arctic Research Commission; the President's Office on United States-Soviet  
18 Initiatives; the National Institutes of Health; the Board of Regents of the  
19 University of Alaska; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
20 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-  
21 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.