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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the promotion of Alaskan and
6 Soviet exchanges.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union agreed in December 1987
9 to establish a bilateral group to work on Arctic issues; and

10 WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union also agreed to work
11 toward the promotion of air transportation between the two countries; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska lies only a few miles from the Siberian coast of the
13 Soviet Union; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska and the Soviet Union share a common interest in the
15 sound management of the fisheries resources of the Bering Sea; and

16 WHEREAS efforts to stimulate travel, trade, cultural, fisheries,
17 wildlife, and scientific exchanges between Alaska and Siberia are consis-
18 tent with and supportive of efforts by the United States and the Soviet
19 Union to improve understandings between the two nations; and

20 WHEREAS President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev are scheduled
21 to meet in mid-1988 to discuss a wide range of issues;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the President of the United States to give continued support to an opening
24 of the border between Alaska and Siberia to air travel, trade, cultural,
25 fisheries, wildlife, and scientific exchanges and these subjects be a part
26 of the agenda for the 1988 meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald W.
28 Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Shultz,
29 Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

1 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
2 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.