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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Declaring 1991 as a Year of Reconcil-

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

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WHEREAS Alaska Natives have lived in this region of North America for

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thousands of years; and

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WHEREAS Alaska has been a state since 1959; and

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WHEREAS there are now approximately 450,000 non-Native residents of

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the state, as compared to approximately 75,000 Native residents; and

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WHEREAS 1991 marks the 20th anniversary of the passage of the landmark

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629e) and will,

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therefore, be a symbolic year in the history of the state's Natives; and

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WHEREAS there is still a need for more communication, cross-cultural

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education, and reconciliation among Natives and non-Natives;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature declares 1991 to be

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a Year of Reconciliation and encourages the residents of the state to

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observe the year with appropriate statewide ceremonies, newspaper

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editorials, and conferences based on this theme.