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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Encouraging the United States Congress

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to override President Bush's veto of HR

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2712, the Emergency Chinese Adjustment

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of Status Facilitation Act.

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

10 WHEREAS the University of Alaska has a large population of students

11 from the People's Republic of China; and

12 WHEREAS the Chinese government has made it widely known that any

13 political activity by Chinese students studying outside China will result

14 in unfavorable consequences for the students when they return to China; and

15 WHEREAS the Chinese students in the United States currently do not

16 have statutory protection from being forcibly returned to China when their

17 student visas expire, and they face an uncertain future; and

18 WHEREAS the United States has historically been a refuge from politi-

19 cal repression; and

20 WHEREAS the President of the United States has made an administrative

21 directive to aid the Chinese students, but the directive does not make

22 regulatory or statutory change in the existing immigration and natural-

23 ization laws of the United States and does not guarantee the safety of the

24 Chinese students; and

25 WHEREAS the President of the United States vetoed HR 2712, the Emer-

26 gency Chinese Adjustment of Status Facilitation Act, a bill that would

27 undeniably protect the Chinese students residing in the United States from

28 the threat of being returned to a government where they face certain

29 danger; and

1 WHEREAS HR 2712 received bipartisan support and unanimous approval
2 from both houses of the United States Congress;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United
4 States Congress to override President Bush's veto of HR 2712, the Emergency
5 Chinese Adjustment of Status Facilitation Act, which would prevent Chinese
6 students from being forcibly returned to China.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
8 President of the United States; to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President
9 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas
10 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George
11 Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bob Dole,
12 Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert Michel, Minority
13 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
14 U.S. Representative; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
15 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
16 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable Donald
17 O'Dowd, President of the University of Alaska.