

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN TRADE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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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 President of the United

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States to temporarily reinstate most-

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avored-nation trading status for the

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U.S.S.R.

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

10 WHEREAS in 1974 the United States Congress withdrew most-favored-

11 nation trading status from the U.S.S.R. in order to pressure the Union of

12 Soviet Socialist Republics to allow a more open emigration policy; and

13 WHEREAS without most-favored-nation trading status, trade with the

14 U.S.S.R. is very difficult because goods imported from the U.S.S.R. are

15 subject to a significantly higher tariff than goods imported from nations

16 with most-favored-nation trading status; and

17 WHEREAS reinstatement of most-favored-nation trading status is neces-

18 sary to increase and normalize trade relations between the United States

19 and the U.S.S.R.; and

20 WHEREAS the U.S.S.R. has recently implemented a more open emigration

21 policy; and

22 WHEREAS at the most recent summit at Malta, President Bush agreed to

23 reinstate most-favored-nation trading status for the U.S.S.R. if the

24 U.S.S.R. enacts and implements a law formalizing its recent liberalized

25 emigration policy, and if there is continued nationwide support in the

26 United States for the reinstatement; and

27 WHEREAS the state and the nation would benefit from increased trade

28 with the U.S.S.R., and there does not appear to be further reason for

29 withholding most-favored-nation trading status from the U.S.S.R. while it

1 is implementing its current emigration policy;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Presi-
3 dent of the United States to temporarily reinstate most-favored-nation
4 trading status for the U.S.S.R.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
6 President of the United States; the Honorable James A. Baker, III, U.S.
7 Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
8 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
9 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.