

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN TRADE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Encouraging the President of the United
6 States to temporarily reinstate most-
7 favored-nation trading status for the
8 U.S.S.R. under certain conditions.

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

29 WHEREAS the people of Alaska also strongly support the enactment of a

1 liberalized emigration law in the U.S.S.R;

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. as soon as the U.S.S.R. enacts and imple-
5 ments a law formalizing its recent liberalized emigration policy.

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