

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 (STATE AFFAIRS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/19/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FOSTER, C.Davis, Ellis, Koponen, Lincoln

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging Gambell, Alaska, and Nuvoye Chaplino, U.S.S.R., to be sister cities.

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

**3 WHEREAS the residents of the City of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in Alaska and the City
4 of Nuvoye Chaplino in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are closely related culturally, ethnically,
5 and socially; and**

**6 WHEREAS the residents of both cities speak the same Native language, which is Siberian Yupik,
7 and live a subsistence lifestyle based on whaling, fishing, berry-picking, and walrus hunting; and**

**8 WHEREAS both cities place great emphasis on traditional Native values, including honoring and
9 learning from their elders; and**

**10 WHEREAS, until the Cold War intervened, the residents of the two cities intermarried and traded
11 with each other; and**

**12 WHEREAS, now that relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. have improved
13 considerably, becoming sister cities would help the two cities reestablish their communication and trade;**

**14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the City of Gambell on St.
15 Lawrence Island in Alaska and the City of Nuvoye Chaplino in the U.S.S.R. to become sister cities in
16 order to help them reestablish the communication and trade between the two cities that were halted by
17 the Cold War.**

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the City of Nuvoye Chaplino, U.S.S.R.; and to the
2 Honorable Merlin Koonooka, Mayor of the City of Gambell, Alaska.