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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

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

WHEREAS the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge contains approximately 256,000 acres of land and waters located in the Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS no development or physical manipulation of the habitat of the Semidi Islands has occurred, nor is any planned; and

WHEREAS a total of 43 species of birds has been identified on the islands including the endangered peregrine falcon and a variety of marine mammals inhabit the surrounding ocean waters; and

WHEREAS the massive concentration of birds and associated marine resources in a relatively isolated setting provides unusual opportunities for scientific studies which may provide many answers to the complex ecology within a coastal ecosystem; and

WHEREAS designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness would provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of Interior must, in the near future, make recommendations to the President of the United States as to the desirability of including this refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it urgently requests the Secretary of the Interior to make favorable recommendations to the President of the United States regarding the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.