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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51 am S

Relating to an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference.

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

WHEREAS the arctic region of the world has become the focus of attention for the Northern Hemisphere and its search for renewable and nonrenewable resources to supply raw materials to the industrialized nations; and

WHEREAS the nine nations surrounding the Arctic Circle (Canada, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States, Greenland and Denmark) have each developed their own solutions to the social, economic and environmental problems of the Arctic; and

WHEREAS an exchange of information, opinions and solutions to the issues and dilemmas facing the arctic nations would be beneficial to all participating nations; and

WHEREAS there does not exist at this time a formal mechanism by which all the arctic nations may meet to exchange ideas on the common issues facing them; and

WHEREAS it would be an appropriate undertaking for the State of Alaska in this year, our nation's bicentennial, to initiate an international exchange of ideas of mutual interest among arctic nations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska delegation in Congress to make the appropriate representations to the President and the Secretary of State to effectuate initiation of an Arctic Country Mutual Interest

Exchange Conference to be held in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this conference initiate an exchange of information on social, economic and environmental issues to include but not limited to discussions of health, transportation, telecommunications, economic development, energy resources development, arctic engineering, environmental conservation, agriculture, land use, indigenous peoples and cultural exchange and establish a formal program by which this exchange may continue in the future.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State; to the Ambassadors to the United States from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; 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.