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Expressing gratitude to the Canadian government and the Canadian citizens involved in the rescue of six Americans from Iran.

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

WHEREAS members of the Canadian embassy staff in Iran and the Canadian government have shown, in their actions from November 4, 1979, to January 28, 1980, the highest standards of courage and integrity; and

WHEREAS the actions of these persons in providing refuge to six Americans after the unprecedented seizure of the United States embassy in Iran and in helping the Americans to escape from Iran exposed the Canadian embassy staff and the Canadian government to grave danger of retaliation by the Iranians; and

WHEREAS the unhesitating decision of the Canadians to assist the six Americans in the face of personal and international dangers was an act of bravery and moral fortitude for which gratitude cannot be adequately expressed; and

WHEREAS the daring action of the Canadians took place at a time when the spirit of the United States was in need of being raised; and

WHEREAS it has raised our spirits by reminding us that we have a good and true friend in Canada; and

WHEREAS the special relationship and common interests which exist between Alaska and Canada make Alaskans especially proud of and grateful for the actions of the Canadians;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its gratitude to the Canadian government and to the Canadians involved in the rescue of the Americans from Iran.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honorable Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Joseph Clark, M.P., House of Commons, former Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Mark MacGuigan, Minister of the Canada Department of External Affairs; the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; 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.