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Relating to the establishment of a relationship of friendship with the Province of Heilongjiang.

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

WHEREAS in September and October 1984, at the invitation of the Chinese Institute of Foreign Affairs, delegations from the State of Alaska, composed of Governor Bill Sheffield, members of the legislature, and Alaska industry leaders, paid visits of trade and friendship to Heilongjiang Province of the People's Republic of China; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Chen Lei, Governor of Heilongjiang Province, accepted an invitation to pay a return visit to the State of Alaska, accompanied by a delegation from the provincial government, on February 2, 1985; and

WHEREAS the establishment of closer ties of trade and friendship with Alaska's neighbors along the Pacific Rim is important to the future economic well-being of the residents of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the promotion of better understanding among the countries of the Pacific Rim through closer contacts on cultural and educational issues is beneficial to the peoples of Heilongjiang and Alaska as well as China and the United States; and

WHEREAS similarities in geography, natural resources, and economic development provide common ground for the future development of friendly cooperation and exchanges between the Province of Heilongjiang and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS based on the principles of equality, mutual respect, and reciprocity, the Province of Heilongjiang and the State of Alaska could benefit from the development of cooperation

and exchanges in the fields of economics, trade, science, technology, education, culture, and other fields;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages and endorses the establishment of an ongoing relationship of friendship and cooperation between the Province of Heilongjiang and the State of Alaska.