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Encouraging the President of the United States to temporarily reinstate most-favored-nation trading status for the U.S.S.R. under certain conditions.

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

WHEREAS in 1974 the United States Congress withdrew most-favored-nation trading status from the U.S.S.R. in order to pressure the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to allow a more open emigration policy; and

WHEREAS without most-favored-nation trading status, trade with the U.S.S.R. is very difficult because goods imported from the U.S.S.R. are subject to a significantly higher tariff than goods imported from nations with most-favored-nation trading status; and

WHEREAS reinstatement of most-favored-nation trading status is necessary to increase and normalize trade relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R.; and

WHEREAS the U.S.S.R. has recently implemented a more open emigration policy; and

WHEREAS at the most recent summit at Malta, President Bush agreed to reinstate most-favored-nation trading status for the U.S.S.R. if the U.S.S.R. enacts and implements a law formalizing its recent liberalized emigration policy, and if there is continued nationwide support in the United States for the reinstatement; and

WHEREAS the state and the nation would benefit from increased trade with the U.S.S.R.; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska also strongly support the enactment of a liberalized emigration law in the U.S.S.R;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the President of the United States to temporarily reinstate most-favored-nation trading status for the U.S.S.R. as soon as the U.S.S.R. enacts and implements a law formalizing its recent liberalized emigration policy.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable James A. Baker, III, U.S. Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.