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Requesting the Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 no longer applies in the State of Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska entered into the Union on an equal footing with all other states, and the Statehood Compact specifically granted authority over fish and wildlife to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state subject to a federally imposed policy barring the ownership of reindeer based on race; and

WHEREAS the Congress and the President of the United States are presently embarking on a campaign to return rights and authority to the states; and

WHEREAS federal laws applicable to the Territory of Alaska do not necessarily apply to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 was enacted when Alaska was a territory and became ineffective upon statehood;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests the U.S. Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 does not apply in the State of Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of

the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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.