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Relating to the establishment of Reserve Officer Training Corps programs in Alaska by the United States Coast Guard.

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

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is responsible for maritime law enforcement, drug interdiction, and fisheries protection, in addition to providing maritime search and rescue, saving countless lives in Alaska and other United States waters; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is the branch of the armed services with primary responsibility for protecting the maritime borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard performs a tremendous amount of work in Alaska and provides critical services that affect the daily lives of the citizens of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard today has a heavier workload due to the increased security measures necessary to protect the safety of the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS a training program for reserve officers for the United States Coast Guard Ready Reserve would help the United States Coast Guard provide essential services in times

of national and state emergency; and

WHEREAS a Reserve Officer Training Corps program would enhance educational and career opportunities for students at the University of Alaska Southeast and other University of Alaska campuses; and

WHEREAS an ROTC program would enhance the ability of the University of Alaska to recruit high-level students from around the country; and

WHEREAS a high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program would provide valuable education and career opportunities to Alaska high school students; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has had over 10 years of experience operating a public high school JROTC program at the Maritime and Science Technology Academy in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS Juneau, Alaska, is the headquarters for the Seventeenth Coast Guard District; and

WHEREAS Kodiak, Alaska, is the largest United States Coast Guard installation in the Seventeenth Coast Guard District; and

WHEREAS both programs would capitalize on the excellent relationship between the United States Coast Guard and the communities in Alaska and further strengthen those ties;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Coast Guard to create an ROTC program at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Coast Guard to expand its JROTC program by adding units at Juneau-Douglas High School in Juneau, Alaska, and Kodiak High School in Kodiak, Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the United States Congress to show its support for the United States Coast Guard and its missions by funding these programs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United States Coast Guard to explore the feasibility of establishing ROTC and JROTC programs in other coastal communities in Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House

of Representatives; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Tom Ridge, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Kenneth Venuto, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources of the United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Robert C. Olsen, Superintendent of the United States Coast Guard Academy; Rear Admiral James W. Underwood, Commander of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District; Brigadier General Craig E. Campbell, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Mark Hamilton, President of the University of Alaska; John Pugh, Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast; Betty Walters, Superintendent of the Kodiak Island Borough School District; Margaret "Peggy" Cowan, Superintendent of the Juneau School District; Bob Meade, Principal of Kodiak High School; Deborah Morse, Principal of Juneau-Douglas High School; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.