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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the stationing of a Coast Guard vessel in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian area.

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

WHEREAS the commercial fishing in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian area has become a year around activity with hundreds of boats in operation; and

WHEREAS fishing in this area is often carried out under adverse conditions with ever present hazards to life and property; and

WHEREAS there have been numerous incidents where fishing boats in the area have been in distress and assisted, if at all, only by other fishing boats; and

WHEREAS the rendering of aid by other fishing boats which lack the proper rescue equipment oftentimes results in the further endangering of life and property; and

WHEREAS this area also needs a Coast Guard vessel to police foreign fishing activities which have openly violated the law; and

WHEREAS the nearest Coast Guard vessel which can give rescue aid is approximately 500 miles away from this area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, is respectfully requested to direct the Department of the Treasury to station a Coast Guard vessel in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian area.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Henry Hamill Fowler, Secretary of the Treasury; Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Joseph R.

Scullion, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.