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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the establishment of a complete marine weather forecasting unit in Southcentral Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough is largely dependent upon the use of the navigable waters within and adjacent to its boundaries; and

WHEREAS weather is a substantial factor in the use of these waters for shipping, fishing and recreation; and

WHEREAS the ability to forecast the weather is vitally important in facilitating vessel schedules and supplying off-shore drilling platforms, as well as contributing to the safety of those persons engaged in maritime activity; and

WHEREAS marine weather forecasting for the waters in and around the borough as well as other areas of the state, particularly the North Slope, is inadequate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Environmental Science Services Administration in the Department of Commerce is respectfully urged to establish a complete marine weather forecasting unit in Southcentral Alaska at as early a date as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interim, all possible steps be taken to provide a skeleton unit staffed by Arctic weather experts for the purpose of starting data gathering and forming a nucleus around which a complete weather forecasting unit can be established.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Maurice Stans, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Robert M. White, Administrator of the Environmental Science Services Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.