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JOINT RESOLUTION

Urging the passage of S 94, establishing the Baranof House and dock as a national historic site.

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

WHEREAS the ravages of time, weather and man have destroyed many of the relics of our nation's rich historical heritage; and

WHEREAS Kodiak, Alaska is the site of the oldest permanent settlement in Alaska and the site of the first Russian-American colony in the western world; and

WHEREAS the Baranof House, located in Kodiak, is the oldest structure on the entire west coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS for the past 20 years, a small but determined group of people have been struggling to preserve the Baranof House from destruction by fire, termites, flood and the overzealous bulldozer blade of an urban-renewal project; and

WHEREAS the house is a popular tourist attraction and serves as a museum displaying many of the items from the earthquake damaged museum of former years; and

WHEREAS, in January of this year, Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska introduced S 94 to establish the Baranof House and dock as a national historic site, which designation would assure the development of the site under the National Park Service, and would represent the ultimate aim of those who have worked so hard for so many years to preserve the structure for the cultural benefit of the people of Kodiak, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS every other avenue for the preservation of the priceless antiquity has been explored and tried but to little avail;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully urges congressional action on, and passage of, S 94.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; 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.