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Commending the Alaska marine highway system for 25 years of service.

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

WHEREAS the January 1963 maiden voyage of the MV Malaspina established the Alaska marine highway system; and

WHEREAS the Malaspina is now one of nine ships in the system's fleet which serves Alaskan communities in southeast and southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS approximately 6,000,000 people have used the ferry system for various activities such as transportation, education, recreation, and tourism in the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS the Alaska marine highway system has played an integral part in the lives of residents along the mainline system, creating a link between remote towns, the rest of the state, and the outside world; and

WHEREAS the staff and crew of the Alaska marine highway system have provided services beyond the call of duty, including delivering babies, saving the lives of passengers, and, on numerous occasions, assisting in search and rescue of stranded mariners and residents along the way; and

WHEREAS at least 90,000 vehicles a year are transported on the system; and

WHEREAS the system plays a critical role in the smooth flow of freight and goods for Alaskan commerce; and

WHEREAS the Alaska marine highway system creates jobs throughout Alaska and helps to promote local economy, including such industries as the marine maintenance facility in Ketchikan

and tourism at all ports of call;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that on its silver anniversary the Alaska marine highway system should be congratulated for weathering the storm, be it man-made or natural; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the crew and staff, both present and past, are commended for a job well done; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the importance of the Alaska marine highway system to the state and to the people it has served so well for 25 years.