

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38(WTR)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS**

**Offered: 3/20/98**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MACKIE, Taylor, Duncan, Leman**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the bombardment of the village of Angoon.**

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

**3 WHEREAS**, on October 26, 1882, the United States Navy bombarded and burned the  
**4** village of Angoon; and

**5 WHEREAS** the attack resulted from a dispute between the village and a whaling  
**6** company over the accidental death of a tribal member; and

**7 WHEREAS** the smoke and fire created by the attack caused serious injuries and death  
**8** to members of the village; and

**9 WHEREAS** the attack destroyed all the homes and most food supplies in the village,  
**10** leaving the residents to face difficult winter conditions without shelter or sufficient food; and

**11 WHEREAS** the United States has never formally apologized to the descendants of the  
**12** survivors of the attack; and

**13 WHEREAS**, for the people of Angoon, closure cannot begin until an apology is given;

**14 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Honorable Bill  
**15** Clinton, President of the United States, to issue a formal apology to the village of Angoon.

**16 COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
**17** United States; to the Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and to the

- 1 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
- 2 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.