

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries

A RESOLUTION

**1 Urging the United States government to purchase surplus pink salmon for aid
2 packages to the Balkans.**

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

4 WHEREAS the United States has undeniably become the world's greatest military and
5 economic power; and

6 WHEREAS the recent conflict in the Balkans between the Serbian and Albanian
7 people has involved the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

8 WHEREAS, as a member of NATO, the United States is now involved in the conflict;
9 and

10 WHEREAS the conflict in the Balkans has produced hundreds of thousands of
11 refugees; and

12 WHEREAS the United States, together with other NATO member nations, is now
13 caring for many of those refugees; and

14 WHEREAS, in the coming weeks, the United States will help feed the Albanian
15 refugees; and

16 WHEREAS most of the refugees are Albanian and, being a people of the Adriatic Sea,

1 have included seafood in their diets for thousands of years; and

2 **WHEREAS** food purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture must
3 come from surplus supplies; and

4 **WHEREAS** recent record runs of Alaska pink salmon have produced a surplus of both
5 canned and pouched pink salmon products;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States government
7 is strongly encouraged to purchase surplus Alaska canned and pouched pink salmon to be
8 included in food aid packages to the Balkans.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
10 United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
11 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
12 delegation in Congress.