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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the initiation of federal
6 studies and programs regarding the
7 condition and exploitation of the
8 North Pacific and Bering Sea fisheries.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
10 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

11 WHEREAS, the vast fisheries of the North Pacific and Bering
12 Sea are a natural resource historically recognized as vital to the
13 economy of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to the tremendous take of salmon and
15 halibut in these international waters the immense Russian and
16 Japanese fleets have been harvesting more than a million and a
17 half pounds of other fish and shellfish annually; and

18 WHEREAS, both Russia and Japan have yearly expanded their
19 operations in the taking of salmon, halibut, and other demersal
20 and pelagic fish which abound in the waters beyond the three-mile
21 limit; and

22 WHEREAS, both nations, but particularly Japan, are now
23 operating extensive and expanding oceanographic and marine fish-
24 eries research in these areas, thus establishing strong prior
25 rights through subsidized fishing and research; and

26 WHEREAS, at the present time the United States fleet plays
27 only a secondary or tertiary role in the research regarding and
28 the actual harvesting of the offshore fishery resources except for
29 salmon and halibut;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
2 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Government
3 of the United States is respectfully urged to take immediate steps
4 to initiate projects for offshore fish and shellfish studies and
5 the necessary oceanographic, processing, transportation, and mar-
6 keting research essential to the proper implementation of the
7 nation's right to the beneficial exploitation of this natural
8 resource in international waters; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be directed to the
10 Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the
11 Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States
12 and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormick,
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Stewart
14 L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable Members of
15 the Alaska Delegation in Congress.
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