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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to American fishing  
6 rights in the Bering Sea.

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

8 WHEREAS, in November, 1962, the International North Pacific  
9 Fisheries Commission, composed of representatives of the United  
10 States, Canada, and Japan, proposed a resolution that would per-  
11 mit the Japanese to fish for halibut in the Bering Sea east of  
12 the one hundred seventy-fifth meridian; and

13 WHEREAS, before the resolution may become effective, it must  
14 be ratified by the President of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, there is no evidence that the halibut resource in  
16 the Bering Sea is not presently being utilized to the maximum  
17 extent, but on the contrary, the International Pacific Halibut  
18 Commission has recommended that the halibut catch in that area  
19 not be increased until it is demonstrated that it would not be  
20 harmful to do so; and

21 WHEREAS, if the resolution of the Commission is ratified,  
22 damaging increases in halibut catches may result; and

23 WHEREAS, fishing grounds in the Bering Sea east of the one  
24 hundred seventy-fifth meridian are historically North American  
25 fishing grounds; and

26 WHEREAS, the final ratification of the International North  
27 Pacific Fisheries Commission's resolution would cause inestimable  
28 damage to North America's indispensable fishing industry; and

29 WHEREAS, the ratification of the resolution would hamper the

1 much needed and otherwise inevitable expansion of North America's  
2 fishing industry;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska  
4 is unalterably opposed to damaging extensions of halibut fishing  
5 in the Bering Sea east of the one hundred seventy-fifth meridian;  
6 and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States be  
8 respectfully requested not to ratify the International North  
9 Pacific Fisheries Commission's resolution in the interest of pro-  
10 tecting important, historic rights of citizens of the United  
11 States; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
13 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable  
14 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the members of  
15 the Alaska Delegation in Congress.  
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