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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to halibut of the
6 Eastern Bering Sea.

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

8 WHEREAS, a recent decision of the International North Pa-
9 cific Fisheries Commission, concurred in by members of the United
10 States section, permits a Japanese halibut fishery in the Eastern
11 Bering Sea; and

12 WHEREAS, the decision to remove halibut from the abstention
13 list was made without recognition of the evidence compiled by the
14 International Pacific Halibut Commission to the effect that a
15 high level of utilization of halibut stocks has been obtained in
16 the Bering Sea under present conditions, and equally important
17 that Eastern Bering Sea halibut bear a close relation to halibut
18 stocks in other areas, and have been proven to emigrate as far
19 from the Bering Sea as southeastern Alaska and Washington; and

20 WHEREAS, this evidence indicates that a Japanese fishery on
21 Bering Sea halibut will not only affect that area, but halibut
22 fishermen in all waters adjacent to the State of Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS, the decision of the commission is but another in a
24 long series of decisions adverse to the United States and favor-
25 able to the government of Japan, without any corresponding ben-
26 efits to the United States; and

27 WHEREAS, the decision of the commission cannot become final
28 without approval by the President of the United States;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska

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1 respectfully urges the president to refuse to sanction this re-
2 cent decision of the Halibut Commission and, instead, to insist
3 that Japanese nationals be required to abstain from fishing for
4 halibut in the Eastern Bering Sea; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
6 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
7 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United
8 States; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honor-
9 able Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the members
10 of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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