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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS BRONSON AND HARRISON
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Russian destruc-
6 tion of fishing gear.

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

8 WHEREAS United States fishermen, for many years, have fished
9 for crab off Kodiak Island; and

10 WHEREAS, in the interest of conservation, the fishermen use
11 and have used crab pots to harvest the crabs; and

12 WHEREAS, in recent months, Russian trawlers have pulled
13 boom trawls through the area where the crab pots are set, even
14 though the pots are clearly marked and the trawler operators must
15 know they are destroying the pots; and

16 WHEREAS to date some 20 pots with lines and bouys have been
17 wantonly destroyed; and

18 WHEREAS, as each pot and gear costs between \$150 and \$200,
19 the loss to individual fishermen has been severe and in some
20 cases has resulted in bankrupting fishermen; and

21 WHEREAS, the loss is totally unnecessary, as there is no
22 necessary conflict between Russian and American interests in the
23 waters around Kodiak Island;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
25 emphatically condemn the flagrant, wantonly destructive intru-
26 sion of vessels of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into
27 traditional American territorial waters; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States be
29 respectfully urged to take whatever action is necessary, includ-

1 ing the use of armed force, to prevent Russian destruction of
2 American fishing gear, in clear violation of American rights;
3 and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
5 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable
6 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of Interior, and the members of the
7 Alaska delegation to Congress.

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