

ALASKA  
STATE  
LEGISLATURE

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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of  
6 baselines along the Alaska coast and  
7 extension of national fishing juris-  
8 diction to a distance of 12 miles.

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

10 WHEREAS, other nations, in recent years, have seen fit to  
11 extend the limits of their territorial waters in order to protect  
12 their fisheries from foreign exploitation; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of the wisdom of this policy, the  
14 Government of Canada has declared that as of mid-May 1964 a 12-  
15 mile exclusive fishing zone, determined by use of the straight  
16 baseline system, will be established along the whole of Canada's  
17 coastline; and

18 WHEREAS, the implementation of a similar policy by the United  
19 States Government regarding the territorial waters adjacent to  
20 Alaska will not only sustain a basic industry of this state but  
21 will protect and conserve an increasingly vital food source for  
22 this state and the nation;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is  
24 respectfully urged to establish, by Executive Order and in con-  
25 formity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
26 of 1958, baselines along the Alaska coast, and to extend national  
27 fishing jurisdiction to a distance of 12 miles as measured from  
28 the baselines; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to

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1 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;  
2 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Stewart  
3 L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and to the members of the  
4 Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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