

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. O'CONNELL AND SEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to obstructions in the

6 Sergius and Whitestone Narrows.

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

8 WHEREAS Sergius and Whitestone Narrows are dangerous and
9 hazardous passages in the Peril Straits, the main navigational
10 channel to Sitka; and

11 WHEREAS this channel is used as the main passage for supply-
12 ing logs to the Sitka Pulp Mill and a water route for the Alaska
13 State Ferry System and other steamships; and

14 WHEREAS in the past there have been numerous accidents in the
15 Sergius and Whitestone Narrows causing considerable loss and
16 damage to shipping; and

17 WHEREAS because of the various obstructions in this channel,
18 ferry and other shipping passages must be made at slack water; and

19 WHEREAS if the obstructions in the Narrows were cleared, the
20 shipping of goods and the ferry service to and from Sitka could be
21 more frequent, less dangerous and more beneficial to the City of
22 Sitka;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully urges
24 the Congress of the United States to provide the necessary funds
25 to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to survey and plan the
26 necessary improvements in Sergius and Whitestone Narrows to allow
27 clear channel navigation through this area on any tide; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
29 the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary, Department of Defense;

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1 Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; Col.
2 Clare D. Farley, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Alaska;
3 and the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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