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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the violation of the 12-mile
6 limit by foreign fishing vessels.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard, on March 2, 1967, seized a Russian
9 trawler which was fishing off the coast of Mitrofanina Island within one mile
10 of shore; and

11 WHEREAS this is but one example of repeated intrusion of territorial
12 waters by foreign nations; and

13 WHEREAS to allow foreign nations to break international law in the face
14 of impending negotiations puts the United States in the position of negotiat-
15 ing from a position of weakness; and

16 WHEREAS it was only through the diligent efforts of the United States
17 Coast Guard that this Soviet vessel was captured after an attempted escape;
18 and

19 WHEREAS only the minimum penalty was imposed in this instance;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Coast Guard is commended by the
21 Fifth Legislature for its action in detecting and apprehending the Russian
22 ship; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government in the future is urged to
24 prosecute vigorously any ship seized for fishing violations and to impose
25 maximum penalties provided for by law as an example to all nations that the
26 United States will not tolerate continued violation of its territorial waters
27 by foreign vessels.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
29 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary,

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1 Department of State; the Honorable Ramsey Clark, Acting Attorney General,
2 Department of Justice; the Honorable Richard McVeigh, United States Attorney,
3 Anchorage, Alaska; Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant, United States Coast
4 Guard; Rear Admiral Joseph R. Scullion, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District,
5 and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S.
6 Senators and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members
7 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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