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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Protesting the lenient disposition of  
6 the case against the master of the  
7 Russian fishing boat seized in Alaska  
8 territorial waters.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaska fishermen have been subject to foreign exploitation  
11 for many years; and

12 WHEREAS territorial water boundaries have been established and extended  
13 by both the state and federal governments in order to give the Alaska fisher-  
14 men the needed protection from this exploitation; and

15 WHEREAS if the state three-mile limit and the new federal 12-mile limit  
16 are to be respected and act as a deterrent to foreign fishermen, they must  
17 be strongly enforced; and

18 WHEREAS a Russian trawler was recently caught fishing in United States  
19 territorial waters one mile off the Alaska Peninsula; and

20 WHEREAS conviction on the charge of violating United States territorial  
21 fishing rights would bring a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and a one-year jail  
22 term for the skipper of the seized trawler, as well as forfeiture of the  
23 boat, its gear, cargo, stores and shrimp catch; and

24 WHEREAS the Russian skipper received only a light fine of \$5,000; and

25 WHEREAS such a mild punishment will encourage further violations by  
26 foreign fishermen and will not act as a deterrent or protect the interests  
27 of the Alaska fishermen, as is being clearly demonstrated by reports of  
28 further violations;

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

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1 resolution as an expression of its protest to the federal government for  
2 the lenient disposition of the case against the Russian trawler; and  
3 be it

4       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that future foreign violators receive maximum penalties  
5 under the law, and that nations whose nationals repeatedly violate the  
6 territorial water boundaries have that nation's fisheries import license  
7 revoked.

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