

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a Coast
6 Guard Station in Lower Cook Inlet.

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

8 WHEREAS there is presently no Coast Guard Station in the vicinity of
9 Cook Inlet; and

10 WHEREAS the nearest Coast Guard vessel is generally 10-12 hours running
11 time from Cook Inlet; and

12 WHEREAS aircraft search and rescue operations are, at times, not well
13 enough coordinated to offer the immediate aid needed in case of emergency;
14 and

15 WHEREAS aircraft rescue operations are generally confined to removal
16 of personnel, there is seldom any aid available for the stricken vessels
17 themselves, which often results in substantial financial loss; and

18 WHEREAS the volume of marine traffic in the Cook Inlet area has vastly
19 increased, due to expansion of commercial and sport fishing operations, oil
20 drilling and exploration, and general ocean cargo shipping; and

21 WHEREAS the increased number of tragic accidents in Cook Inlet has
22 alarmed all those concerned with vessel movements on Cook Inlet; and

23 WHEREAS the establishment of a Coast Guard station in the Lower Cook
24 Inlet would correct the above discrepancies, and further expand the trans-
25 portation of fishing interests through safer working conditions;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Treasury is respectfully re-
27 quested to investigate, plan and establish a Coast Guard search and rescue
28 base in the Lower Cook Inlet area.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.

1 Johnson, President of the United States; to Admiral Willard J. Smith,
2 Commandant, United States Coast Guard; to Rear Admiral Joseph R. Scullion,
3 Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett
4 and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard
5 W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
6 Congress.

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