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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Continental Shelf
6 fisheries.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States presently has a 12-mile exclusive fisheries
9 zone which is not adequate for the conservation of the stock of fish which
10 this country will need to utilize fully in order to remain a major fishing
11 nation; and

12 WHEREAS the United States has slipped to sixth place in world fisheries
13 behind such nations as the Soviet Union and Communist China, who intend to
14 expand their fishing efforts in the North Pacific; and

15 WHEREAS the commercial fishermen of the Pacific Northwest, as well as
16 the economy of the United States as a whole, are being detrimentally af-
17 fected by the heavy flow of imports of foreign seafood products, gear con-
18 flicts and other competition from the massive foreign fleets on the fishing
19 grounds, and the depletion of precious resources because of over-fishing
20 and destructive fishing practices of foreign fleets; and

21 WHEREAS the United States has failed to implement fully two provisions
22 from Geneva Conventions which would give our nation valuable bargaining
23 tools in fisheries negotiations which other nations, the first of which
24 states that sedentary species of fish on the Continental Shelf are part of
25 the Shelf and are considered to be the exclusive property of the coastal
26 nation and the second of which provides for conservation of the living re-
27 sources of the high seas and allows the United States to designate conser-
28 vation areas and promulgate conservation measures to protect these
29 resources;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to enact legislation declaring the Continental Shelf of the United States to be this nation's exclusive fisheries zone.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.