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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the establishment of a
6 complete marine weather forecasting
7 unit in the Kenai Peninsula Borough,
8 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough is largely dependent
11 upon the use of the navigable waters within and adjacent to its boundaries;
12 and

13 WHEREAS weather is a substantial factor in the use of these waters for
14 shipping, fishing and recreation; and

15 WHEREAS the ability to forecast the weather is vitally important in
16 facilitating vessel schedules and supplying off-shore drilling platforms,
17 as well as contributing to the safety of those persons engaged in maritime
18 activity; and

19 WHEREAS marine weather forecasting for the waters in and around the
20 borough as well as other areas of the state, particularly the North Slope,
21 is inadequate;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Environmental Science Services
23 Administration in the Department of Commerce is respectfully urged to estab-
24 lish a complete marine weather forecasting unit in the Kenai Peninsula
25 Borough at as early a date as possible; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interim, all possible steps be taken to
27 provide a skeleton unit staffed by Arctic weather experts for the purpose of
28 starting data gathering and forming a nucleus around which a complete
29 weather forecasting unit can be established.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Maurice Stans,
2 Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Robert M. White, Administrator of the
3 Environmental Science Services Administration; and to the Honorable Ted
4 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
5 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
6 Congress.

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