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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the passage of S 94, establish-  
6 ing the Baranof House and dock as a  
7 national historic site.

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

9 WHEREAS the ravages of time, weather and man have destroyed many of the  
10 relics of our nation's rich historical heritage; and

11 WHEREAS Kodiak, Alaska is the site of the oldest permanent settlement  
12 in Alaska and the site of the first Russian-American colony in the western  
13 world; and

14 WHEREAS the Baranof House, located in Kodiak, is the oldest structure  
15 on the entire west coast of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS for the past 20 years, a small but determined group of people  
17 have been struggling to preserve the Baranof House from destruction by fire,  
18 termites, flood and the over-zealous bulldozer blade of an urban-renewal  
19 project; and

20 WHEREAS the house is a popular tourist attraction and serves as a  
21 museum displaying many of the items from the earthquake damaged museum of  
22 former years; and

23 WHEREAS, in January of this year, Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska intro-  
24 duced S 94 to establish the Baranof House and dock as a national historic  
25 site, which designation would assure the development of the site under the  
26 National Park Service, and would represent the ultimate aim of those who  
27 have worked so hard for so many years to preserve the structure for the  
28 cultural benefit of the people of Kodiak, the state and the nation; and

29 WHEREAS every other avenue for the preservation of the priceless

1 antiquity has been explored and tried but to little avail;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska  
3 respectfully urges congressional action on, and passage of, S 94.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John W.  
5 McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President  
6 Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the  
7 Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted  
8 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
9 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
10 Congress.