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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting an amendment to the Jones
6 Act in order to provide for stronger
7 commercial ties between Alaska and
8 Hawaii.

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

10 WHEREAS Alaska and Hawaii, the newest states in the Union, could develop
11 strong commercial ties with each other, except for the operation of sec. 27
12 of the Jones Act, 46 U.S.C. 883; and

13 WHEREAS it is possible that trade could be developed from Hawaii in such
14 products as sugar, pineapple and other tropical fruits, fresh vegetables and
15 beef, and from Alaska in such products as lumber, fertilizer, seafood and
16 petroleum products; and

17 WHEREAS shipping in American bottoms, as is required by the Jones Act, is
18 a great deal more expensive than shipping in foreign bottoms; and

19 WHEREAS, because of the unique geographical locations of Alaska and
20 Hawaii, transportation costs are inordinately high which contributes greatly
21 to the high cost of living in both states and inhibits broad-based economic
22 development in both; and

23 WHEREAS, although the tax dollars of the residents of Alaska and Hawaii
24 help support the heavily subsidized American maritime shipping industry,
25 they do not receive the economic benefits from these subsidies that the resi-
26 dents of the other states do, but rather are forced to endure the additional
27 financial burden of the high transportation costs of interstate commerce;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska that
29 Congress is requested to provide an exemption from the provisions of

1 46 U.S.C. 883 for trade between Alaska and Hawaii in order to encourage
2 healthy interstate commerce between the two states.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack,
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell,
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers,
7 Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honor-
8 able Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee; and to
9 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
10 and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.