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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 110

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the removal of oil-filled
6 railroad tank cars from Resurrection
7 Bay, Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS Resurrection Bay, one of the year-round ice-free deep water
10 harbors of western Alaska, with its adjacent streams and rivers, is presently
11 and has always been a major spawning area for all forms of marine life,
12 particularly herring and commercial salmon; and

13 WHEREAS as a result of the devastating 1964 "Good Friday" earthquake,
14 with its accompanying seismic wave, approximately thirteen fully loaded
15 petroleum tank cars, located on the Seward tracks of the Alaska Railroad,
16 were swept into the waters of Resurrection Bay; and

17 WHEREAS in the past year visible signs of oil pollution have continually
18 appeared upon the waters of Resurrection Bay, directly traceable to the
19 oil-filled railroad tank cars at the bottom of Resurrection Bay; and

20 WHEREAS persistent and continuous oil pollution from submerged tank cars
21 poses a serious threat to salmon and herring runs, as well as to other marine
22 life of that area and creates a general deterioration of quality of the
23 natural environment;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
25 requests the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take the necessary steps to
26 remove the submerged oil-filled railroad tank cars from the bottom of
27 Resurrection Bay, Alaska.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stanley R.
29 Resor, Secretary, Department of the Army; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,

1 Secretary, Department of the Interior; Lt. General F. J. Clarke, Chief of
2 Engineers, U.S. Army; Colonel E. L. Hardin, Jr., U.S. Engineers District,
3 Alaska; the Honorable David D. Dominick, Commissioner, Federal Water Pollution
4 Control Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
5 Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators; and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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