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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Commending certain agencies and cities  
6 for assistance rendered during South-  
7 eastern Alaska's water shortage crisis

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS Southeastern Alaska has been subjected to an unprecedented  
10 seizure of sub-freezing weather during the months of December - March; and

11 WHEREAS this situation has caused depletion of water reservoirs and  
12 frozen and broken distribution mains and sewer lines, resulting in extreme  
13 hardship, exposure to health and fire hazards, closure of schools and in-  
14 dustry and reduction in employment and commerce in varying degrees; and

15 WHEREAS the Department of Highways has provided operating equipment for  
16 pumping and hauling potable water; the Department of Health and Welfare has  
17 provided many services to maintain health and sanitation standards; the  
18 Juneau State Jail has provided labor and handling services for emergency  
19 shipments; and the Division of Marine Transportation and the Alaska National  
20 Guard have undertaken shipment of emergency materials to the stricken areas,  
21 and

22 WHEREAS the cities of Juneau and Ketchikan have generously provided  
23 pumps, fire hose, water storage drums and chemical toilets in response to  
24 the needs of the affected areas; and

25 WHEREAS the Alaska Disaster Office, and particularly Mr. Vince Chellis  
26 of the Southeastern District Office, has taken the initiative in determining  
27 the needs and in soliciting and coordinating the emergency efforts; and

28 WHEREAS these services have greatly lessened the amount of hardship and  
29 human suffering and have exemplified the spirit of Alaskans helping Alaskans

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives expresses its gratitude  
2 to and commends these departments, agencies and municipalities for their  
3 meritorious service to the people of Southeastern Alaska affected by the  
4 current water shortage crisis; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Vince Chellis of the Alaska Disaster Office is  
6 particularly commended for his devoted and untiring efforts in mustering  
7 and coordinating the many services provided.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioners of the  
9 Department of Highways, the Department of Health and Welfare, the Department  
10 of Public Works, and the Department of Military Affairs; and to the City of  
11 Juneau and the City of Ketchikan.

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