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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the decommissioning and
6 demanning of certain light stations
7 in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the 17th Coast Guard District Commander notified Alaskan
10 mariners through the local Notice to Mariners of the intention of the Coast
11 Guard to decommission and deman most light stations in Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS these light stations have traditionally furnished weather
13 reports, aircraft navigational beams, communication links, and other services
14 to all those using the waterways and airways of Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS these services are extremely essential for the safety of all
16 those fishing boats, tug boats, commercial vessels, charter boats, private
17 boats, charter aircraft, commercial airlines and private aircraft which ply
18 the waters and airways of Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS Alaska now leads the nation in boating deaths per capita and
20 only two states lead Alaska in total boating accident deaths; and

21 WHEREAS all water oriented and aircraft oriented citizens of Alaska are
22 opposed to the action of the Coast Guard in decommissioning and demanning
23 these vital light stations;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Coast Guard is requested to discontinue all
25 action toward automating the manned light stations in Alaska.

26 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John Volpe, Secretary of
28 Transportation; Admiral Willard J. Smith, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant; Rear
29 Admiral Robert E. Hammond, Commander of the 17th Coast Guard District; and to

1 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and
2 to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the
3 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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