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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of the
6 Continental Shelf as the exclusive
7 fisheries zone for the United States.

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

9 WHEREAS the present 12-mile exclusive fisheries zone of the United
10 States is not adequate for the conservation of the stock of fish which this
11 country will need to utilize fully in order to remain a major fishing
12 nation; and

13 WHEREAS the United States has slipped to sixth place in world fisheries
14 behind such nations as the Soviet Union and Communist China, who intend to
15 expand their fishing efforts in the North Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS the commercial fishermen of the Pacific Northwest, as well as
17 the economy of the United States as a whole, are being detrimentally af-
18 fected by the heavy flow of imported foreign seafood products, gear con-
19 flicts and other competition from the massive foreign fleets on the fishing
20 grounds, and by the depletion of precious resources because of over-fishing
21 and destructive fishing practices of foreign fleets; and

22 WHEREAS the United States has failed to implement fully two provisions
23 from Geneva Conventions which would give our nation valuable bargaining
24 tools in fisheries negotiations with other nations, the first of which
25 states that sedentary species of fish on the Continental Shelf are part of
26 the shelf and are considered to be the exclusive property of the coastal
27 nation and the second of which provides for conservation of the living re-
28 sources of the high seas and allows the United States to designate conserva-
29 tion areas and promulgate conservation measures to protect these resources;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully
2 requested to enact legislation declaring that the Continental Shelf of
3 the United States is this nation's exclusive fisheries zone.

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