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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the protection of fish and
6 shellfish resources in waters over the
7 continental shelf of the United States.

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

9 WHEREAS the present nine-mile contiguous fishery zone is an artificial
10 area based on developing custom and not on the biological needs and migratory
11 habits of species occupying the continental shelf, its overlying or super-
12 adjacent waters; and

13 WHEREAS destruction and incidental catches of protected and fully
14 utilized species by foreign gear, especially king crab, tanner crab and
15 juvenile halibut are causing deep concern among scientists, fishermen and
16 the industry; and

17 WHEREAS some domestic fisheries are either endangered, or have virtually
18 ceased in some areas, or have been prevented from expanding in a free and
19 orderly manner by the admitted over-exploitation of certain stocks, pre-
20 emptation of fishing grounds or the destruction of our gear by foreign fleets;
21 and

22 WHEREAS additional foreign countries have sent exploratory fleets to
23 areas of our shores and are developing the ability to further exploit the
24 shellfish, dimersal and pelagic fishes of our continental shelf, thereby
25 compounding a serious and alarming situation;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
27 quests that the government of the United States strive to extend its juris-
28 diction over and protection of all fishery resources of the continental
29 shelf adjoining the states and territories of this country, including those

1 species occupying the overlying waters of the shelf and those superadjacent
2 waters that admit to the exploitation of the creatures of the continental
3 shelf.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack,
6 Speaker of the House; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable William Rogers, Secretary of the Depart-
8 ment of State; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Department
9 of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
10 Gravel, U.S. Representatives, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.
11 Senator, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.