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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a  
6 common name for crabs of the genus  
7 Onionoecetes.

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

9 WHEREAS the Food and Drug Administration has proposed that crabs of  
10 the species *C. bairdi*, *C. opilio*, *C. angulatus*, and *C. tanneri* be designa-  
11 ted by the common name "snow crab"; and

12 WHEREAS the canned snow crab of foreign origin which has been marketed  
13 in this country has been of poor quality and has earned a poor reputation  
14 for the name snow crab; and

15 WHEREAS horse crab, which is recognized as being technologically in-  
16 ferior, has also been marketed in this country as snow crab, and this has  
17 further established a poor association in the minds of consumers with the  
18 name snow crab; and

19 WHEREAS the name "queen crab", though relatively recent in origin, is  
20 already the name most commonly associated with crabs of the species  
21 *C. opilio* in eastern Canada, and the products are being marketed in eastern  
22 United States under this name; and

23 WHEREAS the species *C. bairdi*, and *C. opilio* are prevalent in Alaska  
24 waters and the official labeling of them with a common name of crabs of an  
25 inferior quality would seriously affect the crab industry in this state; and

26 WHEREAS designating these four species of crab as "queen crab" would  
27 follow a trend already begun and would greatly aid the marketing of this  
28 product, while designating them "snow crab" would cause serious difficulties  
29 to the American producers;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska urges  
2 the Food and Drug Administration to designate "queen crab" as the acceptable  
3 common name for all crabs of the genus Chionoecetes.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert Finch,  
5 Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Frank Clark,  
6 Director of the Food and Drug Administration; and to the Honorable Ted  
7 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators and the Honorable  
8 Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
9 in Congress.