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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the extension of the
6 exclusive fisheries zone for the
7 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 nation;
12 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, which intend to
15 expand their fishing efforts in the North Pacific and in the Bering Sea; 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 affected
18 by the heavy flow of imported foreign seafood products, gear conflicts and
19 other competition from the massive foreign fleets on the fishing grounds,
20 and by the depletion of precious resources because of over-fishing and
21 destructive fishing practices of foreign fleets; and

22 WHEREAS many nations are claiming territorial seas or contiguous fishing
23 zones far in excess of 12 miles;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully
25 requested to enact legislation declaring that this nation's exclusive
26 fisheries zone is expanded to a depth of 300 meters or extended to a distance
27 of 200 miles, whichever is greater.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers Morton, Secretary,

1 Department of the Interior; the Honorable Donald L. McKernan, Special
2 Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Fisheries and Wildlife; the
3 Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives; the President Pro Tempore of
4 the U. S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
5 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas J. Begich, U. S. Repre-
6 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.