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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the stationing of a
6 Coast Guard vessel in the Alaska
7 Peninsula-Aleutian area.

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

9 WHEREAS the commercial fishing in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian area
10 has become a year around activity with hundreds of boats in operation; and

11 WHEREAS fishing in this area is often carried out under adverse condi-
12 tions with ever present hazards to life and property; and

13 WHEREAS there have been numerous incidents where fishing boats in the
14 area have been in distress and assisted, if at all, only by other fishing
15 boats; and

16 WHEREAS the rendering of aid by other fishing boats which lack the
17 proper rescue equipment oftentimes results in the further endangering of
18 life and property; and

19 WHEREAS this area also needs a Coast Guard vessel to police foreign
20 fishing activities which have openly violated the law; and

21 WHEREAS the nearest Coast Guard vessel which can give rescue aid is
22 approximately 500 miles away from this area;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the
24 United States, direct the Department of Transportation to station a Coast
25 Guard vessel in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian area.

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
28 of Transportation, Admiral Chester A. Bender, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard;
29 Rear Admiral James A. Palmer, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to

1 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
2 and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
3 delegation in Congress.

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