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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a waiver of the Jones Act
6 for the M/V Wickersham.

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

8 WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska has formally called for the construction
9 of a new vessel to be added to the Southeast Alaska ferry system; and

10 WHEREAS the Governor has clearly indicated that the new vessel is to
11 be built in American shipyards; and

12 WHEREAS it is the intent of the State of Alaska to sell the M/V Wicker-
13 sham upon entry into service of the new vessel; and

14 WHEREAS, if the M/V Wickersham could be fully utilized during the time
15 it takes for construction of the new vessel, Alaska could realize at least an
16 additional \$1.5 million of revenue as well as provide Southeast Alaska with
17 immediately needed expanded service;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
19 Congress is urgently requested to grant a temporary certificate of exemption
20 from the Jones Act for the foreign-built M/V Wickersham only until such
21 time as the new proposed vessel can be constructed and placed in the Alaska
22 service.

23 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
24 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Edward A. Garmatz,
25 Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable
26 Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable
27 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the
28 Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
29 in Congress.