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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 *SCS* HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the reduction of man-
6 power in the United States Coast
7 Guard.

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

9 WHEREAS, beginning this month, the United States Coast Guard will begin
10 reducing its current manpower by five per cent under orders of President
11 Nixon; and

12 WHEREAS this cutback in the Coast Guard's manpower means the deactiva-
13 tion of 1,700 officers and men along with ten cutters, three aircraft, two
14 LORAN stations, and one ocean vessel station; and

15 WHEREAS continuously for many years Alaska has requested more Coast
16 Guard vessels and men to more adequately patrol our vast coastlines, protect
17 our fisheries from the blatant intrusion of foreign vessels, and perform
18 more never-ending search and rescue operations; and

19 WHEREAS Alaskans have been told that additional craft and manpower
20 requested could not be released from other duty stations and transferred to
21 Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS Alaska is desperately in need of more fisheries surveillance,
23 the present complement of Coast Guard equipment currently in Alaska being
24 totally inadequate to ensure the sanctity of our waters and resources;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it protests vehemently
26 the reduction of Coast Guard manpower and the deactivation of enforcement
27 ships when Alaska needs and wants additional Coast Guard patrol capabilities
28 in Alaska; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is urged to rescind his ordered

1 cutback in the current manpower of the United States Coast Guard and to
2 direct the immediate reassignment of men and ships to be deactivated to be
3 transferred to the jurisdiction of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary,
6 Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant, United
7 States Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
8 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative,
9 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.