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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 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 and search and rescue operations, the present complement of Coast Guard  
24 equipment currently in Alaska being totally inadequate to ensure the sanctity  
25 of our waters and resources and protection of lives and property;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it protests vigorously  
27 the reduction of Coast Guard manpower and the deactivation of enforcement  
28 ships when Alaska is in urgent need of additional Coast Guard patrol  
29 capabilities in Alaska; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is urged to reassess his ordered  
2 cutback in the current manpower of the United States Coast Guard and to  
3 direct the immediate reassignment of some of the men and ships to be  
4 deactivated to the jurisdiction of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

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

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