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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging state participation in an
6 advisory capacity to the Law of the
7 Sea Conference in 1973.

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

9 WHEREAS in order to wisely manage and protect marine fisheries
10 resources off the coast of Alaska, it is necessary that the United States
11 and Canada reach a basic agreement as to their regulatory approaches; and

12 WHEREAS in the past loosely worded agreements have failed to accommo-
13 date differences between nations and have resulted in uncoordinated unilateral
14 action, oftentimes to the detriment of all concerned; and

15 WHEREAS the failure of the 1958 and 1960 Conferences on the Law of the
16 Sea to resolve the question of the breadth of the territorial sea and the
17 limits of fisheries jurisdiction has led to the present crisis in the law
18 of the sea; and

19 WHEREAS present United States and Canadian proposals for coastal
20 fisheries management both emphasize the special interest of the coastal
21 state, distinguish between coastal, anadromous, and oceanic species, provide
22 for preferential shares for harvest, and provide for internationally agreed
23 upon standards for the exercise of delegated authority by the coastal state;
24 and

25 WHEREAS a Law of the Sea Conference is scheduled for 1973, at which the
26 fisheries interests of the international community will be aired, hopefully
27 resulting in a reconciliation of any differences which the United States and
28 Canada may have; and

29 WHEREAS it is of major importance that Alaska attend the conference,

1 considering the extent of our coastline, and the great concentration of
2 foreign nations that are harvesting fish and shellfish resources on the
3 continental shelf off our coasts; and

4 WHEREAS many other related conservation issues at the conference
5 directly affect the vital interests of Alaska, necessarily requiring its
6 active participation in an advisory capacity to the conference;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is respectfully requested
8 to approve of Alaska's participation in an advisory capacity to the Law
9 of the Sea Conference in 1973; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of Alaska's participation, that
11 the Secretary of State notify the governor immediately so that he can
12 appoint an advisory committee of appropriate persons who are both knowledge-
13 able in state fisheries matters and representative of Alaska's coastal
14 areas, and take whatever action is necessary to assure their participation
15 to the Law of the Sea Conference in 1973.

16 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
17 Nixon, President of the United States; to the Honorable William P. Rogers,
18 Secretary, Department of State; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
19 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.
20 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the
21 Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska.