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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Commending Captain William P. Allen.

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

7 WHEREAS on January 17, the United States Coast Guard Cutter Storis  
8 observed two Russian ships well within the territorial waters of the  
9 United States and which were evidently engaged in support activities for a  
10 large fishing fleet; and

11 WHEREAS the Storis, under the command of Captain William P. Allen im-  
12 mediately proceeded to arrest the boats for this violation of our territorial  
13 waters; and

14 WHEREAS even though one of the arrested ships attempted to escape from  
15 the Storis, and with an American boarding party on board, the Storis was  
16 able through well-planned maneuvering to stop the escaping ship without the  
17 use of force or other potentially disastrous results; and

18 WHEREAS the Storis was armed only with one three-inch cannon and two  
19 50-caliber machine guns and a complement of 77 men on board while the  
20 Russian ships arrested were the 362-foot flagship of the Russian fleet and  
21 an only somewhat smaller sidetrawler;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it commends Captain  
23 William P. Allen and the entire crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Storis for  
24 the unswerving devotion to duty, cool and calculating in the face of a  
25 potentially disastrous situation while protecting our waters from the  
26 intrusion of foreign vessels.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary  
29 Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant,

1 United States Coast Guard; Captain William P. Allen, Commander of the  
2 Coast Guard Cutter Storis; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
3 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.  
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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