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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Commending Commander William P.

6 Allen.

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

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

12 WHEREAS the Storis, under the command of William P. Allen immediately  
13 proceeded to arrest the boats for this violation of our territorial waters;  
14 and

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

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

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

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests  
29 that the United States Coast Guard insert a copy of this resolution into the

1 service record of each man and officer involved in this incident.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
3 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary,  
4 Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant,  
5 United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral James Palmer, Commander, 17th Coast  
6 Guard District; Commander William P. Allen, Captain of the Coast Guard  
7 Cutter Storis; 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.

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