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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 117

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting passage of S. 2754, a  
6 bill to authorize the Secretary of  
7 Commerce to engage in certain export  
8 expansion activities, by the United  
9 States House of Representatives and  
10 requesting the Secretary to name  
11 Anchorage, Alaska as the site of a  
12 Regional American Merchandise Center

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

14 WHEREAS S. 2754, the "Export Expansion Act of 1971", if passed by the  
15 House of Representatives and made law, will aid the development of our  
16 nation's foreign trade and the expansion of its exports through its provi-  
17 sions for aids to private enterprise; and

18 WHEREAS one of the provisions of S. 2754 allows the Secretary of  
19 Commerce to initially designate five Regional American Merchandise Centers  
20 to serve as storage, distributional and service headquarters for small,  
21 medium-sized or new-to-export companies and to provide a comprehensive  
22 range of services to these companies; and

23 WHEREAS the economy of the State of Alaska is rapidly growing and a  
24 great part of that growth is due to expansion of foreign trade, particularly  
25 the expansion of exports from Alaska to foreign nations; and

26 WHEREAS the city of Anchorage, Alaska, is becoming a commercial,  
27 industrial and trade center around which much of the economic activity of  
28 the Northwest United States occurs; and

29 WHEREAS the importance of Anchorage as an international trade center

1 in the Northwest is heightened because of its close geographical proximity  
2 to the Orient and Northern Europe; and

3 WHEREAS the bustle of international shipping activity in and around  
4 the Port of Anchorage and the large number of international flights carry-  
5 ing passengers and cargo into and out of the Anchorage International Airport  
6 evince its international commercial importance;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature supports the passage of  
8 S. 2754, the "Export Expansion Act of 1971"; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Commerce is requested to name  
10 Anchorage, Alaska, as a Regional American Merchandise Center.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Carl Albert,  
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Peter G. Peterson,  
13 Secretary Designate, Department of Commerce; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,  
U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.