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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Commending officers and crew of the
6 United States Coast Guard Icebreaker
7 "Storis".

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

9 WHEREAS Alaska's fishing industry provides a livelihood for our
10 fishermen and their families, being the leading industry in the State of
11 Alaska on the basis of payroll; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska's contiguous fisheries zones have suffered the incur-
13 sions of foreign fleets, depleting our fish stocks contrary to international
14 treaties; and

15 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has maintained vigilant surveil-
16 lance of foreign incursions along the more than 30,000 miles of Alaska's
17 shore lines and outward to the seaward area along our continental shelf; and

18 WHEREAS the recent apprehension by the Coast Guard Icebreaker "Storis"
19 of two Soviet fishing vessels accused of violating United States waters off
20 St. Matthew Island was magnificently handled by the officers and crew of
21 the "Storis"; and

22 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has deep appreciation and admiration for
23 the perseverance of Coast Guard patrols operating off our coasts under
24 adverse weather conditions to protect our fisheries from foreign incursions;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature on behalf of all Alaskans
26 expresses sincere gratitude to the officers and crew of the United States
27 Coast Guard Icebreaker "Storis" for their recent action in outmaneuvering
28 and apprehending the two Soviet fishing vessels that conducted illegal
29 fishery support activity within the U. S. 12-mile contiguous fishery zone

1 off St. Matthew Island; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Seventh State Legislature
3 extend their commendation to all officers and crewmen of United States
4 Coast Guard vessels and aircraft patrols that maintain their ceaseless
5 protection of our waters from foreign fishing fleets.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
7 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe,
8 Secretary, Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Com-
9 mandant, United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral James Palmer, 17th Coast
10 Guard District Commander, Juneau; Captain William P. Allen, Commander of the
11 Cutter "Storis"; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
12 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative,
13 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.