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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

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Urging the establishment of a

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life-saving station at Cordova.

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

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WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is responsible for search and
9 rescue surveillance, and enforcement of laws and regulations in the coastal
10 waters of the United States; and

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WHEREAS the City of Cordova serves several hundred vessels of commercial
12 and sport fishermen; and

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WHEREAS residents and commercial fishermen of the greater Cordova area
14 annually suffer loss of life and equipment as a result of marine and aviation
15 accidents; and

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WHEREAS the present deep-draft coast guard vessel is incapable of
17 negotiating the shallow waters of the Copper river flats where most
18 accidents occur; and

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WHEREAS a locally based all-weather helicopter would enable quick
20 access to these victims; and

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WHEREAS in many cases a matter of minutes means the difference between
22 saving or loss of life and equipment;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the United States Coast Guard to establish a life-saving station with an all-
25 weather helicopter unit within the greater Cordova area.

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COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John A. Volpe,
27 Secretary of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant, U. S.
28 Coast Guard; the Honorable Harold Z. Hanson, Director of International
29 Fisheries on the staff of the Governor; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and

1 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
2 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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