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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MCGILL

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal cut-backs

6 in fisheries research funds.

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

8 WHEREAS it has become apparant that additional budget cuts by the
9 national administration will mean even less money being available for fish-
10 eries research programs in Alaska and elsewhere; and

11 WHEREAS already the lack of adequate funding of fisheries research at
12 the federal level has beached the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
13 tration's FREEMAN and the Administration's vessel KELEZ will likewise be
14 effected under the new proposed cuts; and

15 WHEREAS fisheries research is absolutely vital to the future well-being
16 and solvency of innumerable Alaskans; and

17 WHEREAS this tragic development comes at a crucial time as the United
18 States needs much more research in order to have the best data available for
19 upcoming law of the sea negotiations and new rounds of treaty bargaining; and

20 WHEREAS fisheries research aimed at the rehabilitation of our states' and
21 Nation's fisheries resources should be of the absolute highest priority;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the United
23 States is urgently requested to direct the immediate reassessment of the money
24 to be allocated to fisheries research and to not only restore this money for
25 fisheries research that has been cut from the federal budget, but to instead
26 increase the amount of funds that could be utilized in fisheries research pro-
27 grams so that United States' citizens everywhere may be assured that this
28 Nation's great fishery resource will continue to thrive and grow.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon,

1 President of the United States; the Honorable Frederick Dent, Secretary
2 Designate, Department of Commerce; the Chief Administrator of the National
3 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
4 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation
5 in Congress.

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