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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50 *AM*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed closing of
6 the Point Retreat and Eldred Rock
7 light stations.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has proposed the closing of the
10 Point Retreat and Eldred Rock light stations; and

11 WHEREAS both of these light stations are located in inland waters and
12 are relied on heavily by vast numbers of mariners; and

13 WHEREAS these stations are equally beneficial and important to all of
14 the varying watercraft plying these inland waters including those in the
15 shipping and towing industry; and

16 WHEREAS unmanned light stations would constitute a hazard for the many
17 craft without radar; and

18 WHEREAS mariners currently rely heavily on the "on the spot" weather
19 reports which daily emanate from these two stations and such weather reports
20 would also be eliminated by the closure of these stations;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it registers its most
22 vigorous protest against the proposed closing of the manned light stations
23 at Point Retreat and Eldred Rock in Southeast Alaska and urges the immediate
24 cancellation of all such orders or plans.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Claude Brinegar,
26 Secretary, Department of Transportation; Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commander,
27 United States Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
28 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
29 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.