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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MCGILL

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the reporting of lost
6 gear by foreign fishing vessels.

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

8 WHEREAS foreign nations are violating the United States fishing zones
9 at an ever-increasing pace; and

10 WHEREAS Alaskans are facing even more disastrous fishing seasons in
11 future years due in large part to the invasion of Alaskan and United States
12 waters by foreign fleets who take the resources from the high seas; and

13 WHEREAS not only are foreign vessels invading Alaskan and United States
14 waters, they are, in addition, utilizing gear which is, or should be,
15 prohibited, such as monofilament net; and

16 WHEREAS it would be beneficial to the United States and especially
17 Alaskans if accurate knowledge could be obtained on the number of foreign
18 vessels fishing in our waters at any given time and what nations the vessels
19 are licensed in; and

20 WHEREAS one thing that would aid the United States and Alaska in
21 obtaining such information would be a requirement that all fishing vessels
22 must immediately report all lost gear to the United States Department of
23 State;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of
25 State is urgently requested to undertake immediately negotiations with all
26 appropriate foreign governments with the objective of finalizing an agree-
27 ment that would require foreign vessels to notify immediately the United
28 States Department of State of all lost gear.

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

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger,
2 Secretary, Department of State; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
3 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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