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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to increased protection of

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Alaska fisheries.

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

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WHEREAS foreign fishing vessels are intruding into United States territorial and Alaska waters at an ever-increasing pace; and

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WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is almost powerless to cope with the situation because of a lack of necessary personnel and ships; and

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WHEREAS many foreign vessels elude apprehension even when detected because of their ability to outrun many of the Coast Guard vessels currently on duty in Alaska waters; and

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WHEREAS the United States Navy has many ships plying the Pacific which could be deployed to Alaska to aid in surveillance operations and in the enforcement of the laws aimed at protection of our rapidly declining fishery resource; and

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WHEREAS the pressure of ships of the United States Navy in Alaska and U. S. territorial waters would prove to be a great deterrent to the encroachment into our waters by foreign fishing fleets;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of the Navy is urged to deploy ships of the United States Navy to Alaska waters to aid the United States Coast Guard in the surveillance and protection of Alaska and United States fisheries from invasion by foreign fishing vessels.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. Warner, Secretary of the Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members

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