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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the seizure of the

6 Russian trawler ARMATURSHCHIK.

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

8 WHEREAS on February 5 the United States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO,
9 operationally assigned to the 17th Coast Guard District from the 13th
10 District, spotted and effected the seizure of a Russian side trawler, the
11 ARMATURSHCHIK, which was fishing in the United States contiguous fishery
12 zone; and

13 WHEREAS the seized vessel is reported to be one of approximately 100
14 Russian vessels fishing for halibut and groundfish in Alaska waters from
15 the Bering Sea to the Gulf of Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS this latest seizure of a foreign fishing vessel was possible,
17 to a large extent, because of the new policy of the United States Coast
18 Guard of permanently assigning a helicopter and crew to each ship on patrol;
19 and

20 WHEREAS it is only through continuous and effective surveillance
21 coupled with swift and positive action such as that undertaken by the crew
22 of the MUNRO that foreign vessels will ever be deterred from encroaching
23 on the United States contiguous fishery zone;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature extends its most
25 sincere expression of thanks and commendation to all of the crew of the
26 United States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO, with a special message of apprecia-
27 tion to Rear Admiral Glenn O. Thompson (S.N. 3290), Commander, 17th
28 District of the United States Coast Guard; to Rear Admiral Chester A.
29 Richmond, Jr. (S.N. 2442), Commander, 13th District of the United States

1 Coast Guard; and to Captain Howard Istock, Commanding Officer United
2 States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully
4 requests the United States Coast Guard to place copies of this resolution
5 in the service jackets of the above-named persons as well as all other
6 officers and personnel assigned to the MUNRO.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Admiral Chester R. Bender,
8 Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Glenn O. Thompson,
9 Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; Rear Admiral Chester A. Richmond,
10 Jr., Commander, 13th Coast Guard District; Captain Howard Istock,
11 Commanding Officer Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO; and to the Honorable Ted
12 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
13 Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
14 Congress.
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