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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9 *am*
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting that the M/V WICKERSHAM be
6 restored to service and used to inaug-
7 urate an all-Alaska ferry transporta-
8 tion route linking Southcentral Alaska
9 ports with those in Southeastern Alaska,
10 Canada and the continental United
11 States.

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

13 WHEREAS the governing body of nearly every major Alaska port city has
14 adopted a resolution requesting that the M/V WICKERSHAM be retained as a part
15 of the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

16 WHEREAS the M/V WICKERSHAM is presently moored at the Port of Seattle at
17 a cost to Alaska taxpayers of nearly \$3,500 a day; and

18 WHEREAS, even under the present temporary waiver of the provisions of
19 the Jones Act enacted by Congress in 1972, the M/V WICKERSHAM could be used
20 between the ports of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Seward and Cordova,
21 Alaska, with intermediate stops at Sitka and Juneau to connect with the
22 Alaska Marine Highway's existing "mainline" route in Southeastern Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS the replacement vessel, M/V COLUMBIA, due to delays in the con-
24 struction schedule, probably will not be ready for service until late 1974,
25 and the temporary waiver for the WICKERSHAM does not expire until the
26 COLUMBIA actually is plying the waters of the Inside Passage; and

27 WHEREAS it is possible that the Congress might extend the Jones Act
28 waiver permanently to include the proposed stops in Sitka, Juneau, or other
29 Southeast Alaska ports; and

1 WHEREAS the M/V WICKERSHAM still is the queen of the state ferry system
2 fleet and is a credit to the State of Alaska and its citizens;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
4 the Governor to direct the Department of Administration to halt any further
5 attempts to sell the M/V WICKERSHAM, notwithstanding the provisions of
6 ch. 34, SLA 1971, and the Department of Public Works, Division of Marine
7 Transportation, to restore the M/V WICKERSHAM to service in accord with the
provisions of this resolution; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Alaska Legislature to
10 place before the voters of the state at the November 5, 1974 general election
11 the question of the sale or retention of the M/V WICKERSHAM.
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