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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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 States.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the M/V WICKERSHAM could be used between the ports of Prince
16 Rupert, British Columbia, Seward and Cordova, Alaska, with intermediate
17 stops at Sitka and Juneau to connect with the Alaska Marine Highway's
18 existing "mainline" route in Southeastern Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the replacement vessel, M/V COLUMBIA, due to delays in the
20 construction schedule, probably will not be ready for service until late
21 1974;

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the Governor to direct the Department of Administration to restore the M/V
26 WICKERSHAM to service until a bona fide sale is consummated.

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