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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging support of S. 1988.

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

7 WHEREAS there is pending before the Congress of the United States  
8 S. 1988 which would, if enacted, extend the United States contiguous fishing  
9 zone and also its jurisdiction of anadromous fish to approximately 200  
10 miles; and

11 WHEREAS ample evidence exists that valuable coastal and anadromous  
12 species of fish and marine life off the shores of the United States, and  
13 especially those of Alaska, are in danger of being destroyed; and

14 WHEREAS this tragic fact is due in large part to foreign fishing  
15 efforts beyond the existing twelve-mile fisheries zone; and

16 WHEREAS international negotiations have thus far proved incapable of  
17 obtaining timely agreement on the protection and conservation of threatened  
18 species of fish and marine life, and there appears little likelihood that  
19 any such negotiations will bear fruit any time in the near future; and

20 WHEREAS the current circumstances make it almost impossible for the  
21 State of Alaska to plan realistically for and manage conservation of its  
22 marine resources, especially that of its anadromous fish;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully  
24 urges the United States Congress to enact legislation similar to S. 1988,  
25 as originally introduced, at the earliest possible time so that the entire  
26 domestic fishing industry of the United States, as well as that of Alaska,  
27 may be protected and conserved to the greatest extent possible; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urged to amend  
29 S. 1988 to provide that the contiguous fisheries zone shall be measured by

1 applying, where applicable, the straight-baseline concept in Alaska.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
3 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger,  
4 Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent, Secretary,  
5 Department of Commerce; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate  
6 Commerce Committee; the Honorable Leonor K. Sullivan, Chairman, House  
7 Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
8 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
9 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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