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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

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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 observer, surveillance and

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enforcement activities of the National

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Marine Fisheries Service and the

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United States Coast Guard.

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

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WHEREAS it is of vital importance to the United States, and of especial

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importance to Alaska, that the United States at all times have viable

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observer, surveillance and enforcement programs being carried out in an

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effort to curtail encroachment of the United States contiguous fisheries zone

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as well as to assure that nations live up to international agreements regard-

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ing high seas fishing; and

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WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service carries out observer and

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surveillance functions, and the United States Coast Guard carries out sur-

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veillance and enforcement activities; and

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WHEREAS, through the constant vigilance and attention to duty of the

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personnel of these two fine organizations, numerous violations have been

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recorded and numerous violators have been apprehended; and

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WHEREAS, if the fisheries of the United States are to be saved from

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depletion and if violations of international agreements are to be controlled,

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the credit will no doubt be due, in large part, to the efforts of observer,

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surveillance and enforcement activities of the National Marine Fisheries

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Service and the United States Coast Guard;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the National Marine

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Fisheries Service and the United States Coast Guard are most sincerely com-

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mended for their efforts to curtail violation of international fishery

1 agreements and the encroachment into United States waters by foreign fishing
2 fleets.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Admiral Chester R. Bender,
4 Commandant, United States Coast Guard; the Honorable Robert W. Schoning,
5 Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
6 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
7 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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