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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the vessel documentation  
6 office in Sitka.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has recently ordered the closure  
9 of the vessel documentation office in Sitka and the transfer of its func-  
10 tions to Juneau; and

11 WHEREAS the local vessel documentation offices serve the important  
12 function of keeping records relating to the ownership of boats of over five  
13 tons net weight; and

14 WHEREAS ready access to the vessel documentation office is essential  
15 to the rapid conduct of financial transactions involving boats, especially  
16 new boats; and

17 WHEREAS Sitka is the hailing port for many new boats involved in the  
18 rapidly expanding bottomfish fishery of the area;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
20 the Department of Transportation to direct the Coast Guard to reopen its  
21 vessel documentation office in Sitka.

22 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William T.  
23 Coleman, Secretary, Department of Transportation; Admiral Owen W. Siler,  
24 Commandant, United States Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
25 the Honorable Mike Gravel, United States Senators, and the Honorable Don  
26 Young, United States Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
27 Congress.  
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