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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Encouraging international trade for Alaska-
6 caught fish products.

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

8 WHEREAS the passage of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of
9 1976 (P.L. 94-265) will allow fishery stocks surrounding Alaska for 200 miles
10 to be managed by the United States and gives preferential rights to the
11 harvest of these stocks to American fishermen; and

12 WHEREAS such preferential harvest rights will allow for expansion of
13 Alaska's catch of fishery resources, especially for species which have been
14 historically utilized by foreign fishing fleets; and

15 WHEREAS this will additionally allow the American fishing industry to
16 have control of an increasing portion of the world's fishery resources and
17 will require the development of new and expanded Alaska-based processing and
18 marketing operations; and

19 WHEREAS there has been interest expressed by European countries who will
20 seek to purchase Alaska-caught fishery resources rather than to fish for
21 them; and

22 WHEREAS the standard of living of many of the western European countries
23 is similar to the American standard of living, and many of these developed
24 nations have labor and raw product costs similar to or higher than those of
25 Alaskan fishing operations; and

26 WHEREAS many Alaska-caught fishery products will likely be competitive
27 in the marketplace of these countries; and

28 WHEREAS it is a purpose of government to encourage commerce and trade
29 when it is beneficial to its citizens;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
2 that the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Development investigate (1) the potential benefit to Alaska's fishermen and
4 fishing industry of joint ventures of Alaskan industry with European fishing
5 interests, and (2) the potential for expanding the exportation of Alaska-
6 caught fishery products to these European countries; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
8 these agencies to recommend, through appropriate channels, action which could
9 benefit the Alaska fishing economy.

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