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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to state jurisdiction over
6 its coastline.

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

8 WHEREAS in 1953 Congress transferred to the states, under the Submerged
9 Lands Act, rights to the marginal sea, extending seaward three miles from the
10 low water mark; and

11 WHEREAS Congress reserved to the federal government rights and powers of
12 regulation and control for purposes of commerce, navigation, national defense,
13 and international affairs in the area of the marginal sea; and

14 WHEREAS the rights and powers reserved to the federal government in the
15 area of the marginal sea are adequate to protect the national interest along
16 the coastline of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS activities conducted beyond the marginal sea affect fragile
18 ecological systems along the coast of Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS Alaska needs to have jurisdiction to regulate the taking of fish
20 and marine mammals that migrate from the area of the marginal sea in order to
21 adequately manage state wildlife and fisheries resources; and

22 WHEREAS Alaska has the paramount interest in regulating activities
23 beyond the marginal sea that affect the state; and

24 WHEREAS the current administration is reducing or eliminating many
25 federal programs in favor of increasing the responsibility of each state for
26 the welfare of its own residents;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to
28 transfer to Alaska jurisdiction extending seaward fifty miles from the low
29 water mark to the same extent that Congress has already transferred juris-

1 diction extending seaward three miles from the low water mark.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
3 Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable
4 Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the
5 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
6 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
7 tion in Congress.

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