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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Customs
6 Service to retain a permanent customs
7 office in Wrangell, Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS Wrangell, Alaska is a port of call for many fishing, tourist,
10 and cargo vessels; and

11 WHEREAS the lumber trade with Japan alone requires the frequent use of
12 a customs official at Wrangell; and

13 WHEREAS the United States Customs Service proposes to eliminate the
14 full-time customs agent position in Wrangell in order to reduce the expenses
15 of the agency; and

16 WHEREAS the absence of a customs agent would require the frequent
17 importation of a customs agent from Ketchikan, weather permitting; and

18 WHEREAS frequent travel between Ketchikan and Wrangell as well as the
19 continued maintenance of an office in the Wrangell Federal Building will not
20 generate any substantial savings to the Customs Service; and

21 WHEREAS the lack of a customs agent in Wrangell on a full-time basis is
22 both costly and time-consuming to those vessels that require customs checks;
23 and

24 WHEREAS Wrangell desires to eliminate unnecessary delay and expense
25 associated with the use of its port in order to promote the use of the port
26 and the economy of the town;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate requests the United States Customs
28 Service to retain a permanent customs agent in Wrangell.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to William T. Archey, Acting

1 Chairman of the United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury;
2 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
3 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
4 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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