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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to expansion of ferry service.

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

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WHEREAS the transportation services offered by the division of marine highways in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities constitute a major travel link between Alaska communities and areas outside of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS there is a great need to expand the ferry service offered by the division of marine highways to accommodate the travel needs of Alaska communities that presently have no access to the marine highway system and a great need to meet the increased travel needs of those Alaska communities presently served by the marine highways; and

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WHEREAS the resources of the division of marine highways could be used more fully in satisfying the travel needs of Alaska communities by encouraging private companies and the governments of British Columbia and the State of Washington to provide ferry service to Ketchikan without subsidy by the State of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS it is beneficial to the state's economy to encourage the use of Alaska-based crews on vessels of the marine highways and to repair and maintain those vessels in Alaska ports;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the commissioner of transportation and public facilities to direct the division of marine highways to integrate with its ferry schedules to the maximum extent possible the use of ferry services provided by private companies and the governments of British Columbia and the State of Washington and to designate as the southern terminus of the marine

1 highway system that community in the United States or Canada willing to  
2 contract with the division to provide adequate service to Ketchikan with  
3 reasonable fares and without subsidy by the State of Alaska; and be it

4       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-  
5 quests the Governor to direct the commissioner of transportation and public  
6 facilities to direct the division of marine highways to have repair and  
7 maintenance of the vessels operated by the division performed in Alaska  
8 ports to the extent feasible and to take all steps possible within the law  
9 to use Alaska-based crews on the vessels.