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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to U.S. Customs Service offices

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on the West Coast.

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

8 WHEREAS the promotion of international trade with Pacific Rim coun-  
9 tries is essential to the economic prosperity of Alaska and the United  
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS the uniform regulation of all West Coast ports by the United  
12 States Customs Service provides continuity and is essential to the  
13 continued growth of international trade in the Pacific Basin; and

14 WHEREAS the efficient operation of West Coast ports is of paramount  
15 importance in the effort to bring about a reduction in the balance of trade  
16 deficit this country is currently experiencing; and

17 WHEREAS discussions are being held at the federal level to separate  
18 Alaska, Washington, and Oregon into the jurisdiction of a customs office  
19 headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, while leaving California under the  
20 jurisdiction of a customs office headquartered in Los Angeles, California;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS the proposed separation would necessarily result in a lack of  
23 uniformity in the operations of customs to the inevitable detriment of  
24 international trade activities;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
26 Customs Service is urged to maintain its current uniform jurisdiction over  
27 all West Coast ports, and to increase the number of customs inspectors to  
28 ensure the expeditious movement of trade through West Coast ports.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald

1 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable James Baker, Secre-  
2 tary of the Treasury; the Honorable William Von Raab, Commissioner of the  
3 United States Customs Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
4 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.