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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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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 sharing federal revenue

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generated from development of the outer

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continental shelf.

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

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska is concerned with the potential environ-
10 mental, economic and social impacts of federal outer continental shelf
11 development activities on its adjacent coastal zone; and

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WHEREAS the waters off the coast of Alaska contain 50 percent of the
13 fishery resources in the outer continental shelf of the United States; and

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WHEREAS the people of the State of Alaska are critically dependent
15 upon this renewable fisheries resource for both commercial and subsistence
16 use; and

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WHEREAS gaps currently exist in the knowledge of these fishery stocks
18 and optimum methods of managing them; and

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WHEREAS, because of the fragile nature of Alaska's arctic and sub-
20 arctic ecosystems, federal outer continental shelf development poses the
21 possibility of severe impacts in coastal areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS the development of large-scale energy projects on the outer
23 continental shelf is likely to result in periods of rapid growth followed
24 by difficult periods of economic contraction; and

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WHEREAS appropriate precedent exists, as reflected in the Mineral
26 Leasing Act of 1920 and other federal lands leasing programs, to provide
27 financial assistance to states to help mitigate the impacts of resource
28 development on federal lands; and

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WHEREAS without federal financial support, the capability of the state

1 to manage its valuable ocean and coastal resources, and to participate as a
2 partner in the outer continental shelf oil and gas leasing program, will be
3 seriously diminished;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
5 Congress and the President of the United States are respectfully urged to
6 implement a program to share federal revenue generated from development of
7 the outer continental shelf with affected coastal states; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that this revenue sharing program should include
9 continued support for the coastal management and coastal energy impact
10 programs; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that this revenue sharing program should contain
12 funding for research, management, and rehabilitation activities to mitigate
13 the potential environmental, economic, and social impacts of outer conti-
14 nental shelf energy-related facility development on coastal resources; and
15 be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that this program should also include funding for the
17 conversion of facilities, including docks and harbors developed to support
18 the outer continental shelf leasing program, for use by the fishing indus-
19 try after leasing program activities are completed in a given area.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
21 Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-
22 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; to the
23 Honorable David Stockman, Director, Office of Management and Budget; to the
24 Honorable Donald Hodell, Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable John
25 S. Herrington, Secretary of Energy; to the Honorable James Baker, Secretary
26 of the Treasury; to the Honorable Malcomb Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce;
27 to the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman, House Committee on Merchant
28 Marine and Fisheries; to the Honorable John C. Danforth, Chairman, Senate
29 Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted

1 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
2 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
3 gress.