

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Commending the Alaska marine highway

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system for 25 years of service.

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

8 WHEREAS the January 1963 maiden voyage of the MV Malaspina established
9 the Alaska marine highway system; and

10 WHEREAS the Malaspina is now one of nine ships in the system's fleet
11 which serves Alaskan communities in southeast and southcentral Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS approximately 6,000,000 people have used the ferry system for
13 various activities such as transportation, education, recreation, and
14 tourism in the last 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS the Alaska marine highway system has played an integral part
16 in the lives of residents along the mainline system, creating a link
17 between remote towns, the rest of the state, and the outside world; and

18 WHEREAS the staff and crew of the Alaska marine highway system have
19 provided services beyond the call of duty, including delivering babies,
20 saving the lives of passengers, and, on numerous occasions, assisting in
21 search and rescue of stranded mariners and residents along the way; and

22 WHEREAS at least 90,000 vehicles a year are transported on the system;
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24 WHEREAS the system plays a critical role in the smooth flow of freight
25 and goods for Alaskan commerce; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska marine highway system creates jobs throughout
27 Alaska and helps to promote local economy, including such industries as the
28 marine maintenance facility in Ketchikan and tourism at all ports of call;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that on its silver

1 anniversary the Alaska marine highway system should be congratulated for
2 weathering the storm, be it man-made or natural; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the crew and staff, both present and past, are
4 commended for a job well done; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the
6 importance of the Alaska marine highway system to the state and to the
7 people it has served so well for 25 years.