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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to reciprocal competition in

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marine transportation services between

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United States and Canadian companies

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operating in Alaska and Yukon Territory.

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

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WHEREAS Canadian maritime transportation companies are providing cargo

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services from Canadian ports to communities in Alaska under a provision of

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46 U.S.C. 883 (Jones Act); and

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WHEREAS United States maritime transportation companies are prohibited

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from serving communities in the Yukon Territory under an order issued by

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the Canadian government; and

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WHEREAS the United States and Canada have historically cooperated to

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ensure that the communities of Alaska and the Yukon Territory are well

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served by competitive, efficient, and cost-effective marine and surface

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transportation of goods; and

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WHEREAS only practical cooperation between the United States and

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Canada can assure competitive, cost-effective, and efficient marine trans-

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portation services to the communities of Alaska and the Yukon Territory;

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WHEREAS reciprocal and equal treatment under the laws of each country

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is necessary to ensure that companies of neither country have an unfair

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competitive advantage; and

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WHEREAS the current situation in which Canadian marine transportation

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companies are permitted to move cargo between Alaska ports while United

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States companies are prohibited from providing similar service through

1 Alaska ports to communities in the Yukon Territory is unfair;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
3 the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary
4 of Transportation, and the Secretary of Commerce to pursue equitable and
5 reciprocal treatment from the Canadian government for United States marine
6 transportation companies seeking to provide services to the Yukon Territory
7 and to take action limiting the authority of Canadian marine transportation
8 companies to operate in Alaska until the Canadian government grants rights
9 to United States companies to operate in the Yukon Territory; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
11 quests the Congress to amend 46 U.S.C. 883 (Jones Act) to require that the
12 authority for Canadian marine transportation companies to operate between
13 ports of Alaska is contingent upon a reciprocal grant of authority by the
14 Canadian government for United States marine transportation companies to
15 provide service to communities of the Yukon Territory; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution should be construed
17 to mean that the Alaska State Legislature supports amending 46 U.S.C. 883
18 (Jones Act) in a way that would diminish the effects of the third proviso
19 of that Act.

20 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
21 quests the Alaska Delegation in Congress to initiate legislation and to
22 seek administrative action to ensure that United States marine transporta-
23 tion companies are accorded the same treatment in Alaska and Yukon Terri-
24 tory markets as are Canadian marine transportation companies;

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
26 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-
27 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-
28 able George P. Shultz, Secretary of State; the Honorable Elizabeth Dole,
29 Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of

1 Commerce; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the United
2 States Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U. S. House of
3 Representatives; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the Senate
4 Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Honorable John C.
5 Danforth, Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce,
6 Science and Transportation; the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, Chairman of the
7 Senate Committee on Finance; the Honorable Bob Packwood, Ranking Minority
8 Member of the Senate Committee on Finance; the Honorable Claiborne Pell,
9 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the Honorable Jesse
10 C. Helms, Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Re-
11 lations; the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman of the House Committee on
12 Energy and Commerce; the Honorable Norman F. Lent, Ranking Minority Member
13 of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; the Honorable Dante B.
14 Fascell, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; the Honorable
15 William S. Broomfield, Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on
16 Foreign Affairs; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the House
17 Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Robert W. Davis,
18 Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and
19 Fisheries; the Honorable Dan Rostenkowski, Chairman of the House Committee
20 on Ways and Means; the Honorable John J. Duncan, Ranking Minority Member of
21 the House Committee on Ways and Means; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
22 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
23 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.