

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to proposed foreign trade zones

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in Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough,

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and the Anchorage International Airport are preparing a joint application

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requesting the United States Foreign Trade Zone Board to approve the estab-

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lishment of a foreign trade zone in the southcentral part of the state; and

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WHEREAS the proposed foreign trade zone is comprised of three sites at

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the Port of Anchorage, two sites near Point MacKenzie in the Matanuska-

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Susitna Borough, and four sites at the Anchorage International Airport; and

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WHEREAS St. Paul is preparing an application requesting the United

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States Foreign Trade Zone Board to approve the establishment of a foreign

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trade zone in the southwestern part of the state; and

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WHEREAS the recent downturn in Alaska's economy caused by the decline

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in oil prices points out the need for a more diversified economy in the

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state; and

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WHEREAS the primary objectives of creating the proposed foreign trade

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zones are to promote economic diversification and to increase the export

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potential of the state; and

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WHEREAS the proposed foreign trade zones would attract industrial and

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commercial development to the areas near the zones; and

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WHEREAS much interest has been expressed in developing the natural

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resources near the areas of the proposed foreign trade zones for export to

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Pacific Rim nations, and the zones would facilitate this development; and

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WHEREAS foreign trade zone designation would improve employment

1 opportunities and expand the tax base of the state;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the proposed
3 joint application by the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna
4 Borough, and the Anchorage International Airport for establishment of a
5 foreign trade zone in the southcentral part of the state by the United
6 States Foreign Trade Zone Board; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the pro-
8 posed application by St. Paul for establishment of a foreign trade zone in
9 the southwestern part of the state by the United States Foreign Trade Zone
10 Board; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United
12 States Foreign Trade Zone Board to approve, once the applications have been
13 submitted, the establishment of the requested foreign trade zones.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable C. William
15 Verity, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable
16 James A. Baker, III, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and
17 the Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of the
18 Army, members of the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board; and to the Honorable
19 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
20 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
21 in Congress.