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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

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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 Alaska's participation in

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the bottomfish fisheries and other

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benefits from the Exclusive Economic

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Zone of the United States off the coast

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of Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS Presidential proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983, established  
12 sovereign rights in the United States over the living and nonliving natural  
13 resources in a 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone for the United States off  
14 its coasts; and

15 WHEREAS the coastal states of the United States have substantial  
16 expertise and experience in the management, conservation, and development  
17 of the ocean and coastal resources off their shores; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska is uniquely dependent on its maritime resources and has  
19 substantial experience in managing the resources off its shores and seeks  
20 to participate in the benefits to be obtained from the Exclusive Economic  
21 Zone; and

22 WHEREAS the residents of the coastal communities in the maritime  
23 states have historically depended on the resources of the sea for their  
24 livelihood as well as their sustenance; and

25 WHEREAS many of the coastal communities in Alaska are economically  
26 distressed; and

27 WHEREAS many of the benefits normally realized from the Exclusive  
28 Economic Zone, especially in fisheries, have not been fully realized by the  
29 residents of the economically distressed coastal communities in Alaska; and

1       WHEREAS Alaska wishes to ensure that further development of the Exclu-  
2       sive Economic Zone will provide the maximum potential economic benefit,  
3       particularly with reference to work for its residents, for the economically  
4       distressed coastal communities in the state, and for the state at large;  
5       and

6       WHEREAS Alaska wishes to ensure that, as the Exclusive Economic Zone  
7       is developed, the interests of the state will be appropriately represented;  
8       and

9       WHEREAS Alaskans want participation in fisheries before entry into the  
10      fisheries is limited; and

11      WHEREAS it appears that many times entry is limited before Alaskans  
12      are involved in the fisheries; and

13      WHEREAS there is substantial pressure on the bottomfish resources in  
14      the Alaska Exclusive Economic Zone from non-Alaskan fishing interests; and

15      WHEREAS there could be great economic benefit to Alaskans from the  
16      bottomfish fisheries off the coast of Alaska; and

17      WHEREAS many Alaskans have not had an opportunity to participate in  
18      those fisheries; and

19      WHEREAS the federal government has already discussed limiting entry  
20      into the Alaska bottomfish fisheries before Alaskans have begun partici-  
21      pating;

22      BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that entry into the  
23      bottomfish fisheries off the coast of Alaska allow for no less than 50  
24      percent participation by Alaskans in the bottomfish fisheries; and be it

25      FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State of  
26      Alaska should enter into a partnership with the United States Government  
27      for the management of activities, especially fisheries, in the Exclusive  
28      Economic Zone off the coast of the state; and be it

29      FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the partnership

1 should ensure that the state and its economically distressed coastal commu-  
2 nities share in the economic benefits realized from the development of the  
3 Exclusive Economic Zone off the coast of the state.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
5 Reagan, President of the United States; to James Campbell, chairman, North  
6 Pacific Fishery Management Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
7 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
8 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.