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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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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 an application by the Alaska

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Seafood Marketing Institute for certain

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federal funds.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS the United States seafood industry makes a significant contri-
10 bution to the United States balance of trade, with its exports for 1985
11 having been valued to be in excess of \$1,000,000,000; and

12 WHEREAS over 1,000,000,000 pounds of seafood worth \$885,000,000 were
13 landed in the state during 1986, making Alaska's fisheries the most valu-
14 able in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS the Alaska seafood industry is losing its markets for frozen
16 salmon in western Europe and for herring and frozen salmon in Japan as a
17 result of unfair foreign trade practices; and

18 WHEREAS the Alaska bottomfish industry is growing rapidly and the
19 United States must ensure that Alaska has access to foreign markets for
20 pollock and other species; and

21 WHEREAS the United States government has created the Targeted Export
22 Assistance program (TEA program) to provide financial assistance for com-
23 modities that are experiencing market erosion or problems with market
24 access as a result of foreign trade barriers; and

25 WHEREAS seafood is an eligible commodity under the TEA program; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, on behalf of the
27 Alaska seafood industry, has submitted an application for \$3,500,000 under
28 the TEA program to conduct market research and initiate promotional cam-
29 paigns to regain a market share for Alaska products in western Europe and

1 Japan;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the Secretary of
3 the United States Department of Agriculture is urged to approve the Alaska
4 Seafood Marketing Institute's application for Targeted Export Assistance
5 program funds in the amount of \$3,500,000, which will benefit the nation
6 and the state; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, on behalf of the
8 entire Alaska seafood industry, joins Alaska's congressional delegation and
9 Governor Cowper in urging the Secretary to approve the application.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E.
11 Lyng, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Peter
12 C. Meyers, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the
13 Honorable Thomas O. Kay, Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service
14 of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable William L. Davis,
15 Assistant Administrator of the Commodity and Marketing Programs of the U.S.
16 Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
17 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
18 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.