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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to establishing a United States
6 Navy homeport in Alaska.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS naval activities in the North Pacific and Arctic Ocean have
9 increased dramatically in recent years to the extent that more foreign
10 vessels now operate in these waters than the United States registers or
11 deploys worldwide; and
12 WHEREAS Alaska, the United States and Canada are vulnerable to econom-
13 ic and military pressures from the potential foreign capability to operate
14 in northern oceans with nuclear and conventional polar class icebreakers
15 and other ice-strengthened ships; and
16 WHEREAS Alaska's coastline of approximately 6,640 miles is longer than
17 that of the rest of the continental United States; and
18 WHEREAS Alaska is opening to international trade and exchange that
19 supports greater naval presence; and
20 WHEREAS Alaska occupies a pivotal position in relation to the Pacific
21 and Arctic Rims; and
22 WHEREAS Alaska contains vast quantities of natural resources that are
23 of strategic importance to the United States; and
24 WHEREAS, in addition to its strategic geographical location, Alaska
25 can offer the United States Navy state land and resources and a willingness
26 to work cooperatively and to expend at least \$100,000,000 to develop
27 infrastructure and capital improvements necessary for the establishment of
28 a major, long-term Navy homeport in Alaska; and
29 WHEREAS establishing a Navy homeport at one or more Alaskan

1 communities could provide greater sustainability for naval operations in
2 the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature
4 strongly urge the United States Navy to consider establishing a homeport at
5 a community on the coast of Alaska.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank
7 Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable James H. Webb, Jr., Secre-
8 tary of the Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
9 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
10 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.