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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55 (Rules)
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 and strategic position in relation
21 to the Pacific 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 establishing a Navy homeport at one or more Alaskan commu-
25 nities could provide greater sustainability for naval operations in the
26 North Pacific and Arctic Oceans;
27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature
28 strongly urge the United States Navy to consider establishing a homeport at
29 one or more Alaskan communities; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska is willing to seriously
2 consider investment of as much as \$100,000,000, through a cooperative
3 arrangement with the United States Navy, to develop infrastructure or other
4 capital improvements necessary for the establishment of a major, long-term
5 Navy homeport in Alaska; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the willingness of the State of Alaska to pro-
7 vide infrastructure or other capital improvements is contingent upon the
8 completion of a cost-benefit analysis, including consideration of relevant
9 economic, social, and environmental factors that demonstrates that the
10 state would derive net benefits from an investment of public funds or other
11 resources; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska strongly urges the United
13 States Navy to secure from any homeport community its support as to siting
14 and work with it on issues of mutual concern, including the development of
15 an appropriate emergency management plan that addresses public safety and
16 other issues.

17 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank
18 Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable William Ball, III, Secre-
19 tary of the Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
20 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
21 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.