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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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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 Cordova, Alaska, as the home

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port of the United States Coast Guard

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cutter "Sweetbrier."

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

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WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard has held a respected and necessary presence in the city of Cordova, Alaska, for 53 years; and

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WHEREAS the Coast Guard cutter "Sweetbrier" has proven its critical importance to maritime safety and navigation in Prince William Sound since 1976; and

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WHEREAS commercial fishing, the basis of the Cordova economy, is dependent upon the Coast Guard to protect the safety of the fleet and fishery; and

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WHEREAS the officers and crew of the "Sweetbrier" represent the presence of 111 Cordova residents, which is approximately four percent of the population of Cordova; and

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WHEREAS the city of Cordova is, and wishes to remain, the home port of the "Sweetbrier";

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Coast Guard is invited and encouraged to continue its presence in Prince William Sound, with Cordova as the home port of the cutter "Sweetbrier."

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Admiral Paul A. Yost Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.