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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 330

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing September 30 as Bering Sea
7 Patrol Veterans Day."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The United States Coast Guard's Bering Sea
10 Patrol has protected the state's territorial waters with great courage and
11 devotion to duty since the first Bering Sea patrol force was started in
12 1892. During its life, the patrol performed valuable services in the state
13 including search and rescue missions, and transportation of mail, freight,
14 medical personnel, other personnel, and cargo for Alaskans in remote lo-
15 cations along the state's coast. The patrol was also responsible for
16 guarding the state's maritime resources from illegal taking. Members of
17 the patrol performed these vital services under conditions of grave hard-
18 ship, extreme danger, and with minimum pay.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 44.12.070. BERING SEA PATROL VETERANS DAY. Bering Sea
21 Patrol Veterans Day is established on September 30 of each year to
22 honor the veterans of the Bering Sea patrol force who served the
23 people of the state by protecting the people and resources of Alaska's
24 maritime areas. Bering Sea Patrol Veterans Day may be observed by
25 suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.