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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to support for the federal
6 Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program and
7 the role of industry-directed private
8 foundations in the program.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS the federal government established the Saltonstall-Kennedy
11 seafood industry grants program; and
12 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program was established to fund
13 the development and promotion of the United States seafood industry and
14 fisheries products; and
15 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is directed towards
16 strengthening the United States seafood industry in the face of increasing
17 foreign competition and a fluctuating resource base; and
18 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is funded from tariffs
19 on imported seafood and seafood products; and
20 WHEREAS Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program projects receive matching
21 funds and in-kind services from the seafood industry; and
22 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is unique because it
23 sets goals based on industry priorities and works with industry to accom-
24 plish projects to achieve those goals; and
25 WHEREAS the primary method that the seafood industry has used to
26 participate in the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is through regional
27 fisheries development foundations; and
28 WHEREAS the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation was established by
29 the Alaska seafood industry to maximize the benefit of the Saltonstall-

1 Kennedy grants program in Alaska; and

2 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program has resulted in several
3 projects that have had significant national and regional benefits to the
4 seafood industry; and

5 WHEREAS in Alaska five shore-based and at least 10 vessel-based surimi
6 processing firms have begun operations since the completion of the Alaska
7 Fisheries Development Foundation's surimi demonstration project; and

8 WHEREAS two recent projects of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foun-
9 dation, flatfish fishery development and by-product utilization, are having
10 a similar positive effect on the Alaska seafood industry; and

11 WHEREAS this unprecedented level of success in development efforts is
12 directly related to the unique joint industry and foundation participation
13 in the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program; and

14 WHEREAS, through the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program, the Alaska
15 marine safety education program has developed a volunteer network of marine
16 safety instructors available throughout Alaska to give safety and survival
17 workshops to commercial fishermen and has become a model for marine safety
18 education programs in other regions of the country; and

19 WHEREAS the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward has estab-
20 lished a vessel crew member training program with the help of Saltonstall-
21 Kennedy grant funds and offers an intensive course in marine safety; and

22 WHEREAS the cooperative efforts of the Alaska marine safety education
23 program and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in marine safety train-
24 ing represent a major effort to reduce the number of casualties in the
25 commercial fishing industry;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its appre-
27 ciation for the results of past Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program projects
28 and gratitude for their support, to the President and Vice-President of the
29 United States, the United States Congress, the United States Department of

1 Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National
2 Marine Fisheries Service, and the many industry organizations, fishery
3 groups, and individuals that contribute to the success of this program; and
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
6 quests the President and Vice-President of the United States, the United
7 States Congress, the United States Department of Commerce, the National
8 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Marine Fisheries
9 Service, the seafood industry, and other concerned groups to continue their
10 support for this program and the unique joint industry and foundation
11 cooperation that provides such beneficial results from well-directed and
12 efficient projects.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
14 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
15 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Richard
16 G. Darman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable
17 Robert A. Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable William E.
18 Evans, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
19 tion; the Honorable James W. Brennan, Assistant Administrator for Fisher-
20 ies, National Marine Fisheries Service; the Honorable George J. Mitchell,
21 U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Bob Dole, U.S. Senate Minority
22 Leader; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the U.S. Senate
23 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Chairman of the
24 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related
25 Agencies of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable
26 Warren B. Rudman, Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Commerce,
27 Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies of the U.S. Senate
28 Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable John C. Danforth, Ranking Minor-
29 ity Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation; the Honorable John B. Breaux, U.S. Senator; the Honorable
2 Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
3 Thomas S. Foley, U.S. House Majority Leader; the Honorable Robert H.
4 Michel, U.S. House Minority Leader; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman
5 of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable
6 Robert W. Davis, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S. House Committee on
7 Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chairman of
8 the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment
9 of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and to the
10 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
11 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
12 tion in Congress.