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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the transfer of title to

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submerged land of the territorial sea

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out to 12 nautical miles to the State of

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Alaska and recognition of the sovereign

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jurisdiction of the State of Alaska over

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the land, air, water, and resources of

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the territorial sea out to 12 nautical

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miles.

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

14 WHEREAS the State of Alaska asserts sovereign jurisdiction over the

15 territorial sea beyond the land territory, internal waters, and archipe-

16 lagic waters of the State of Alaska out to 12 nautical miles, including the

17 air space over the territorial sea and the seabed and subsoil below the

18 territorial sea, and including sovereign jurisdiction over living and

19 nonliving resources found there, consistent with customary international

20 law; and

21 WHEREAS under the United States Supreme Court decision in United

22 States v. California, 332 U.S. 19 (1947), the court recognized that the

23 United States Congress is authorized to transfer ownership of submerged

24 land to the coastal states;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully demands,

26 under the rights and powers retained by the states and recognized under the

27 United States Constitution, that the United States Congress immediately

28 (1) authorize by law the transfer to the State of Alaska of

29 title to all the submerged land below the territorial sea beyond the State

1 of Alaska's land territory, internal waters, and archipelagic waters from
2 three nautical miles out to 12 nautical miles and recognize the sovereign
3 jurisdiction of the State of Alaska over that submerged land and over
4 living and nonliving resources on or in the seabed and subsoil there; and
5 (2) recognize the sovereign jurisdiction of the State of Alaska
6 over the territorial sea and air space above the territorial sea, including
7 sovereign jurisdiction over living and nonliving resources found there,
8 from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured out to 12
9 nautical miles.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
11 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
12 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim
13 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable James
14 A. Baker, III, U.S. Secretary of State; the Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher,
15 U.S. Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable William E. Evans, Administrator
16 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the Honorable James
17 W. Brennan, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisher-
18 ies Service; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the U.S. Senate
19 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Honorable J.
20 Bennett Johnston, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natu-
21 ral Resources; the Honorable Quentin N. Burdick, Chairman of the U.S.
22 Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; the Honorable Claiborne
23 Pell, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the
24 Honorable Dante B. Fascell, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives
25 Committee on Foreign Affairs; the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Chairman of
26 the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations; the
27 Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives
28 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Jack Brooks,
29 Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary;

1 the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representa-
2 tives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the governor, president
3 of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives of each of the
4 coastal states of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
5 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
6 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.