

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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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 support for the federal

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Saltonstall-Kennedy program and the role

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of industry-directed private foundations

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in the program.

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

10 WHEREAS the federal government established a seafood industry grants
11 program in 1980; and

12 WHEREAS the grants program was established to fund the development and
13 promotion of the United States seafood industry and fisheries products; and

14 WHEREAS the program seeks to strengthen the United States seafood
15 industry in the face of increasing foreign competition and a fluctuating
16 resource base; and

17 WHEREAS the program is funded from tariffs on imported seafood and
18 seafood products; and

19 WHEREAS program projects receive matching funds and in-kind services
20 from the seafood industry; and

21 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy program is unique because it sets
22 goals based on industry priorities and works with industry to accomplish
23 projects to achieve those goals; and

24 WHEREAS the primary method that the seafood industry has used to
25 participate in the Saltonstall-Kennedy program is through regional fisher-
26 ies development foundations; and

27 WHEREAS the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation was established by
28 the Alaska seafood industry to maximize the benefit of the Saltonstall-
29 Kennedy program in Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy program has resulted in several proj-
2 ects that have had significant national and regional benefits to the sea-
3 food industry; and

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

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

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

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its appre-
14 ciation for the results of past Saltonstall-Kennedy program projects and
15 gratitude for their support, to the United States Congress, the United
16 States Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
17 istration, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the many industry
18 organizations, fishery groups, and individuals that contribute to the
19 success of this program; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
21 quests the United States Congress, the United States Department of Com-
22 merce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National
23 Marine Fisheries Service, and other concerned groups to continue their
24 support for this program and the unique joint industry and foundation
25 cooperation that provides such beneficial results from well-directed, and
26 efficient projects.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
28 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
29 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Richard

1 G. Darman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable
2 Robert A. Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable William E.
3 Evans, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
4 tion; the Honorable James W. Brennen, Assistant Administrator for Fisher-
5 ies, National Marine Fisheries Service; the Honorable George J. Mitchell,
6 U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Bob Dole, U.S. Senate Minority
7 Leader; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the U.S. Senate
8 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Chairman of the
9 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related
10 Agencies of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable
11 Warren B. Rudman, Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Commerce,
12 Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies of the U.S. Senate
13 Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable John C. Danforth, Ranking Minor-
14 ity Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
15 tation; the Honorable John B. Breaux, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Jim
16 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Thomas
17 S. Foley, U.S. House Majority Leader; the Honorable Robert H. Michel, U.S.
18 House Minority Leader; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the U.S.
19 House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Robert W.
20 Davis, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant
21 Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chairman of the Sub-
22 committee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of the
23 U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and to the Honorable
24 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
25 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
26 in Congress.