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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to high seas drift net fisher-

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

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WHEREAS fishermen from Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan are continuing

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to pursue intensive and extensive high seas drift net fisheries in the

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Pacific Ocean; and

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WHEREAS these fisheries are known to take salmon and steelhead that

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originate in Alaska waters, to have an unacceptable effect on North Pacific

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marine life, and to kill thousands of marine mammals and seabirds; and

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WHEREAS these fisheries are presently being conducted in the absence

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of an international convention; and

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WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska, as well as the Governors of

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California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the Premier of

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British Columbia have requested the United States to seek additional mea-

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sures to regulate and reduce these fisheries; and

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WHEREAS the United States will soon be conducting negotiations with

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Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan on specific measures to be taken in 1990;

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WHEREAS the people of Alaska believe these negotiations must result in

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specific measures to control the high seas fisheries, and gather scientif-

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ically reliable information to be used in evaluating these fisheries;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Presi-

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dent and Congress to take action to ensure that

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(1) a minimum of 25 percent observer coverage in all months

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becomes the standard for United States fishery observer programs;

1 (2) data from the 1990 observer program is made available to the
2 public by February 15, 1991, or, at a minimum, before any international
3 negotiations for the 1992 fishing season;

4 (3) satellite transmitters are required on all foreign fishing
5 vessels and all transport vessels servicing the foreign fishing fleets;

6 (4) the United States pursue a significant reduction in high
7 seas drift net fishing effort for 1990;

8 (5) the United States pursue immediate release of the observer
9 data gathered in 1989;

10 (6) the United States secure a ban on all high seas drift net
11 fisheries by 1992; and

12 (7) the United States actively pursue granting the requests made
13 by the state governors and by the Premier of British Columbia.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
15 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
16 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable James A.
17 Baker III, U.S. Secretary of State; the Honorable Robert Mosbacher, U.S.
18 Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S.
19 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
20 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
21 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.