

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, the representatives of the people of Alaska here assembled in the House of Representatives are, with the rest of the nation, grateful for a magnificent victory which culminates four long years of war; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are mindful that it was through the efforts of the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Governor of Alaska, that Alaska workmen were given the same opportunity for employment on construction work during the war years as workmen from outside the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who demanded early in the war adequate protection for the Territory of Alaska and its people, and even went to the White House with these demands in behalf of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who promoted and advanced the organization of the Territorial Guard in Alaska that Alaskans not in the armed forces might do their share to protect their homes and firesides; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who fought successfully to have wartime travel restrictions modified when it became clear that they were being stupidly applied so as to constitute a bottleneck for the war construction program; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who secured the rescission of orders by the Army, Navy and Coast Guard which forbade native soldiers and their wives and sisters to associate with their white comrades in uniform; and

WHEREAS, since the termination of hostilities, it was Ernest Gruening who fought vigorously for a modification of military regulations so that men who served in the Alaskan peninsula, the Aleutians and the Pribilof Islands were credited with overseas service, which meant two points a month instead of one; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who was successful in getting a modification of the mail censorship in Alaska whereby news-

papers, magazines, etc., were being clipped before sent to the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it was Ernest Gruening who led the attack against increased steamship rates in the Spring of 1940, and again in 1942 when he was able to get a sharp reduction in surcharges; and

WHEREAS, it is Ernest Gruening who is today carrying on a vigorous battle against further increased steamship rates; and

WHEREAS, it was through the efforts of Ernest Gruening that the Jones shipping act was suspended in Alaska during the war years: and

WHEREAS, Governor Gruening has never failed to heed to any Alaskan's plea for governmental cooperation utilizing to that end his numerous contacts with Federal Agencies and his familiarity with their operation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gruening has devotedly and indefatigably striven to advance the development, welfare and prosperity of the Territory of Alaska and its people; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gruening has proposed many sound and needed measures for the improvement of the Territory of Alaska, many of which have already, as a result of his sponsorship and support been enacted into laws; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska are grateful for these and many other services which Ernest Gruening has rendered to the people of this Territory; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ernest Gruening is in fact outstanding as the greatest governor in the history of the Territory of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Territorial Legislature, in Extraordinary Session assembled, do hereby commend the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Governor of Alaska, for his untiring efforts in behalf of the people of Alaska since assuming office in 1939, and that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Honorable Ernest Gruening, and that a copy be sent to the Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, to the Honorable Julius A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior, and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Con-

gress from Alaska, with request to Delegate Bartlett that this Resolution be incorporated in the Congressional Record.

Passed by the House April 2, 1946.

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

TO THE HONORABLE JULIUS A. KRUG, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the fishing industry in Alaska is a natural resource which produces great wealth for the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is capable of being increased and expanded through proper extension and protection of spawning and feeding grounds, to the benefit of all concerned; and,

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is capable of being preserved as a great and lasting natural resource; and,

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of your Memorialists that certain fishing enterprises using a method known as "Otter trawling" are threatening to commence operations in Alaskan waters, thereby menacing the existence of the fishing industry by destruction of the spawning and feeding grounds of halibut, black cod, salmon and other forms of marine life; and,

WHEREAS, we, your Memorialists, are of the opinion that "otter" or "beam" trawling may be better understood if explained and defined in the manner following:

(a) "Otter" trawling, or "beam" trawling, is a means of taking fish by means of a drag net.