



# Alaska State Legislature

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the name of the halibut.

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

WHEREAS the fishing industry is Alaska's foremost industry; and

WHEREAS halibut constitutes an important portion of Alaska fisheries production; and

WHEREAS many Alaska citizens are employed aboard halibut fishing vessels and in the processing of halibut; and

WHEREAS Alaska's halibut industry for several years has assessed itself to promote the sales of halibut in the United States; and

WHEREAS this promotion has tended to further establish halibut in the minds of the consumers as a specific fish having specific characteristics; and

WHEREAS the Pacific Halibut, *Hippoglossus Stenolepis* and the Atlantic Halibut, *Hippoglossus Hippoglossus*, are the only fish which have historically been widely distributed in the United States under the name of halibut;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to establish *Hippoglossus Stenolepis* and *Hippoglossus Hippoglossus* as the only fish to be known as halibut in the United States and to require fish such as *Reinhardtius Hippoglossoides* and *Paralichthys Californicus* and other flat fish to be marketed in the United States under some name other than halibut, Greenland Halibut, California Halibut, Black Halibut or Bastard Halibut.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.