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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the Continental Shelf fisheries.

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

WHEREAS the United States presently has a 12-mile exclusive fisheries zone which is not adequate for the conservation of the stock of fish which this country will need to utilize fully in order to remain a major fishing nation; and

WHEREAS the United States has slipped to sixth place in world fisheries behind such nations as the Soviet Union and Communist China, who intend to expand their fishing efforts in the North Pacific; and

WHEREAS the commercial fishermen of the Pacific Northwest as well as the economy of the United States as a whole, are being detrimentally affected by the heavy flow of imports of foreign seafood products, gear conflicts and other competition from the massive foreign fleets on the fishing grounds, and the depletion of precious resources because of over-fishing and destructive fishing practices of foreign fleets; and

WHEREAS the United States has failed to implement fully two provisions from Geneva Conventions which would give our nation valuable bargaining tools in fisheries negotiations which other nations, the first of which states that sedentary species of fish on the Continental Shelf are part of the Shelf and are considered to be the exclusive property of the coastal nation and the second of which provides for conservation of the living resources of the high seas and allows the United States to designate conservation areas and promulgate conservation measures to protect these resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to enact legislation declaring the Continental Shelf of the United States to be this nation's exclusive fisheries zone.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives; to The Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the U. S. Senate; 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.