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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Relating to a waiver of the Jones Act for the M/V Wickersham.

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

WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska has formally called for the construction of a new vessel to be added to the Southeast Alaska ferry system; and

WHEREAS the Governor has clearly indicated that the new vessel is to be built in American shipyards; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the State of Alaska to sell the M/V Wickersham upon entry into service of the new vessel; and

WHEREAS, if the M/V Wickersham could be fully utilized during the time it takes for construction of the new vessel, Alaska could realize at least an additional \$1.5 million of revenue as well as provide Southeast Alaska with immediately needed expanded service;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Congress is urgently requested to grant a temporary certificate of exemption from the Jones Act for the foreign-built M/V Wickersham only until such time as the new proposed vessel can be constructed and placed in the Alaska service.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Edward A. Garmatz, Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman,

Senate Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.