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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Urging the establishment of a lifesaving station at Cordova.

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

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is responsible for search and rescue surveillance and enforcement of laws and regulations in the coastal waters of the United States; and

WHEREAS the City of Cordova serves several hundred vessels of commercial and sport fishermen; and

WHEREAS residents and commercial fishermen of the greater Cordova area annually suffer loss of life and equipment as a result of marine and aviation accidents; and

WHEREAS the present deep-draft Coast Guard vessel is incapable of negotiating the shallow waters of the Copper River flats where most accidents occur; and

WHEREAS a locally based all-weather helicopter would enable quick access to these victims; and

WHEREAS in many cases a matter of minutes means the difference between saving or loss of life and equipment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Coast Guard to establish a lifesaving station with an all-weather helicopter unit within the greater Cordova area.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation; Admiral Chester R.

Bender, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; the Honorable Harold Z. Hansen, Director of International Fisheries, Office of the Governor; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.