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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

Relating to the seizure of the Russian trawler ARMATURSHCHIK.

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

WHEREAS on February 5 the United States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO, operationally assigned to the 17th Coast Guard District from the 13th District, spotted and effected the seizure of a Russian side trawler, the ARMATURSHCHIK, which was fishing in the United States contiguous fishery zone; and

WHEREAS the seized vessel is reported to be one of approximately 100 Russian vessels fishing for halibut and groundfish in Alaska waters from the Bering Sea to the Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS this latest seizure of a foreign fishing vessel was possible, to a large extent, because of the new policy of the United States Coast Guard of permanently assigning a helicopter and crew to each ship on patrol; and

WHEREAS it is only through continuous and effective surveillance coupled with swift and positive action such as that undertaken by the crew of the MUNRO that foreign vessels will ever be deterred from encroaching on the United States contiguous fishery zone;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature extends its most sincere expression of thanks and commendation to all of the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO, with a special message of appreciation to Rear Admiral Glenn O. Thompson (S.N. 3290), Commander, 17th District of the United

States Coast Guard; to Rear Admiral Chester A. Richmond, Jr. (S.N. 2442), Commander, 13th District of the United States Coast Guard; and to Captain Howard Istock, Commanding Officer United States Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Coast Guard to place copies of this resolution in the service jackets of the above-named persons as well as all other officers and personnel assigned to the MUNRO.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Admiral Chester R. Bender, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Glenn O. Thompson, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; Rear Admiral Chester A. Richmond, Jr., Commander, 13th Coast Guard District; Captain Howard Istock, Commanding Officer Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.