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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 98

Relating to the seizure of the Japanese longline fishing vessel, the EBISU MARU No. 88.

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

WHEREAS on March 19 the United States Coast Guard Cutter MIDGET, operationally assigned to the 17th Coast Guard District from the 12th District, spotted and effected the seizure of a Japanese longline fishing vessel, the EBISU MARU No. 88, which had a longline set in the United States contiguous fishery zone; and

WHEREAS the Japanese ship was seized near Cape Tanak on Unimak Island in the Aleutian chain; 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 MIDGET, that foreign vessels will ever be deterred from encroaching on the United States contiguous fishery zone; and

WHEREAS the seizure by the MIDGET is the second instance of seizure of a foreign vessel by the United States Coast Guard within a six-week period;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it extends its most sincere expression of thanks and commendation to all of the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter MIDGET, with a special message of appreciation to Rear Admiral Glenn O. Thompson, Commander, 17th District of the United States Coast Guard; to Vice-Admiral Mark A. Whalen, Commander, 12th District of the United States Coast Guard; and to Captain Richard F. Malm, Commanding Officer of the United States Coast

Guard Cutter MIDGET; 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 MIDGET.

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; Vice-Admiral Mark A. Whalen, Commander, 12th Coast Guard District; Captain Richard F. Malm, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Cutter MIDGET; 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.