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Relating to reciprocal competition in marine transportation services between United States and Canadian companies operating in Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

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

WHEREAS Canadian maritime transportation companies are providing cargo services from Canadian ports to communities in Alaska under a provision of 46 U.S.C. 883 (Jones Act); and

WHEREAS United States maritime transportation companies are prohibited from serving communities in the Yukon Territory under an order issued by the Canadian government; and

WHEREAS the United States and Canada have historically cooperated to ensure that the communities of Alaska and the Yukon Territory are well served by competitive, efficient, and cost-effective marine and surface transportation of goods; and

WHEREAS only practical cooperation between the United States and Canada can assure competitive, cost-effective, and efficient marine transportation services to the communities of Alaska and the Yukon Territory; and

WHEREAS reciprocal and equal treatment under the laws of each country is necessary to ensure that companies of neither country have an unfair competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS the current situation in which Canadian marine transportation companies are permitted to move cargo between Alaska ports while United States companies are prohibited from providing similar service through Alaska ports to communities in the Yukon Territory is unfair;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of

Commerce to pursue equitable and reciprocal treatment from the Canadian government for United States marine transportation companies seeking to provide services to the Yukon Territory and to take action limiting the authority of Canadian marine transportation companies to operate in Alaska until the Canadian government grants rights to United States companies to operate in the Yukon Territory; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress to amend 46 U.S.C. 883 (Jones Act) to require that the authority for Canadian marine transportation companies to operate between ports of Alaska is contingent upon a reciprocal grant of authority by the Canadian government for United States marine transportation companies to provide service to communities of the Yukon Territory; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution should be construed to mean that the Alaska State Legislature supports amending 46 U.S.C. 883 (Jones Act) in a way that would diminish the effects of the third proviso of that Act; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Alaska delegation in Congress to initiate legislation and to seek administrative action to ensure that United States marine transportation companies are accorded the same treatment in Alaska and Yukon Territory markets as are Canadian marine transportation companies.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State; the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable John C. Stennis, President pro tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Honorable John C. Danforth, Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; the Honorable Bob Packwood, Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Finance; the Honorable Claiborne Pell, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the Honorable Jesse Helms, Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; the Honorable Norman F. Lent, Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; the Honorable Dante B. Fascell, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; the Honorable William S. Broomfield, Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Robert W. Davis, Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Dan Rostenkowski, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means; the Honorable John J. Duncan, Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.