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Relating to support for the federal Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program and the role of industry-directed private foundations in the program.

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

WHEREAS the federal government established the Saltonstall-Kennedy seafood industry grants program; and

WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program was established to fund the development and promotion of the United States seafood industry and fisheries products; and

WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is directed towards strengthening the United States seafood industry in the face of increasing foreign competition and a fluctuating resource base; and

WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is funded from tariffs on imported seafood and seafood products; and

WHEREAS Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program projects receive matching funds and in-kind services from the seafood industry; and

WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is unique because it sets goals based on industry priorities and works with industry to accomplish projects to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS the primary method that the seafood industry has used to participate in the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program is through regional fisheries development foundations; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation was established by the Alaska seafood industry to maximize the benefit of the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program has resulted in several projects that have had significant national and regional benefits to the seafood industry; and

WHEREAS in Alaska five shore-based and at least 10 vessel-based surimi processing firms have begun operations since the completion of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation's surimi demonstration project; and

WHEREAS two recent projects of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, flatfish fishery development and by-product utilization, are having a similar positive effect on the Alaska seafood industry; and

WHEREAS this unprecedented level of success in development efforts is directly related to the unique joint industry and foundation participation in the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program; and

WHEREAS, through the Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program, the Alaska marine safety education program has developed a volunteer network of marine safety instructors available throughout Alaska to give safety and survival workshops to commercial fishermen and has become a model for marine safety education programs in other regions of the country; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward has established a vessel crew member training program with the help of Saltonstall-Kennedy grant funds and offers an intensive course in marine safety; and

WHEREAS the cooperative efforts of the Alaska marine safety education program and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in marine safety training represent a major effort to reduce the number of casualties in the commercial fishing industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its appreciation for the results of past Saltonstall-Kennedy grants program projects and gratitude for their support, to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the United States Congress, the United States Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the many industry organizations, fishery groups, and individuals that contribute to the success of this program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the President and Vice-President of the United States, the United States Congress, the United States Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the seafood industry, and other concerned groups to continue their support for this program and the unique joint industry and foundation cooperation that provides such beneficial results from well-directed and efficient projects.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Richard G. Darman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable William E.

Evans, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the Honorable James W. Brennan, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service; the Honorable George J. Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Bob Dole, U.S. Senate Minority Leader; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Warren B. Rudman, Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable John C. Danforth, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Honorable John B. Breaux, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, U.S. House Majority Leader; the Honorable Robert H. Michel, U.S. House Minority Leader; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Robert W. Davis, Ranking Minority Member of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; 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.