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Relating to the bombardment of the village of Angoon.

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

WHEREAS, on October 26, 1882, the United States Navy bombarded and burned the village of Angoon; and

WHEREAS the attack resulted from a dispute between the village and a whaling company over the accidental death of a tribal member; and

WHEREAS the smoke and fire created by the attack caused serious injuries and death to members of the village; and

WHEREAS the attack destroyed all the homes and most food supplies in the village, leaving the residents to face difficult winter conditions without shelter or sufficient food; and

WHEREAS the United States has never formally apologized to the descendants of the survivors of the attack; and

WHEREAS, for the people of Angoon, closure cannot begin until an apology is given;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, to issue a formal apology to the village of Angoon.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; to the Honorable Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; 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.