

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE, SENATOR MAGNUSON, CONGRESSMAN BLAND, AND DELEGATE BARTLETT:

WHEREAS, Alaska is vitally interested in the Merchant Marine of the United States as the connecting link between itself and the rest of the world, and

WHEREAS, water transportation is as yet the basis upon which the economic growth and defense of the Territory rests, and

WHEREAS, Alaska is looking forward, toward the assumption of the duties which fall upon a state, among which is concern and interest in the social and economic welfare of the several states, and

WHEREAS, the strengthening and maintenance of the Merchant Marine is an integral part of our economic and defense structure, and

WHEREAS, its strength or weakness has a direct bearing on the social and economic welfare of the several states, by fostering gainful employment of a trained labor force, maintaining ship construction, repair and outfitting facilities; all of which have proven their worth during the past emergency,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the House of Representatives, of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urge the passage of the BLAND-MAGNUSON BILL, (H. R. 1340 in the House, and S. R. 591 in the Senate).

Passed by the House March 1, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1949.