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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the establishment of a Coast Guard Station in Lower Cook Inlet.

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

WHEREAS there is presently no Coast Guard Station in the vicinity of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS the nearest Coast Guard vessel is generally 10-12 hours running time from Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS aircraft search and rescue operations are, at times, not well enough coordinated to offer the immediate aid needed in case of emergency; and

WHEREAS aircraft rescue operations are generally confined to removal of personnel, there is seldom any aid available for the stricken vessels themselves, which often results in substantial financial loss; and

WHEREAS the volume of marine traffic in the Cook Inlet area has vastly increased, due to expansion of commercial and sport fishing operations, oil drilling and exploration, and general ocean cargo shipping; and

WHEREAS the increased number of tragic accidents in Cook Inlet has alarmed all those concerned with vessel movements on Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a Coast Guard Station in the Lower Cook Inlet would correct the above discrepancies, and further expand the transportation of fishing interests through safer working conditions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Treasury is respectfully requested to investigate, plan and establish a Coast Guard search and rescue base in the Lower Cook Inlet area.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; to Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; to Rear Admiral Joseph R. Scullion, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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