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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**Referred: Transportation**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Coast Guard to amend its regulations relating to small vessels**  
2 **transporting fuel and supplies to remote communities and businesses in the state.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** many towns, villages, and settlements, as well as businesses in those  
5 towns, villages, and settlements, are located in remote areas of the state; and

6 **WHEREAS** not all communities, businesses, and individual residences in the state are  
7 able to receive goods and supplies on large barges; and

8 **WHEREAS** there is a need in the state for delivery of goods and supplies to isolated  
9 communities and businesses that cannot be served by large barges; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because of the state's unique geography, 46 U.S.C. 3302(i)(1) allows for  
11 single vessel exemptions from certain Coast Guard regulations relating to transportation and  
12 delivery of cargo in the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** many isolated communities and businesses rely on smaller vessels, rather  
14 than large tug-and-barge operations, to survive; and

15 **WHEREAS** vessels used to transport small quantities of fuel in shallow coastal water  
16 of the state are most appropriately built using modern construction methods and light

1 materials; and

2         **WHEREAS** there is a need in the state for smaller vessels to carry fuel, cargo, and  
3 passengers at the same time; and

4         **WHEREAS** federal regulations in 46 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapters D, I, and T, do  
5 not allow smaller vessels in the state to carry fuel, cargo, and passengers concurrently, unless  
6 granted an exemption under 46 U.S.C. 3302(i)(1);

7         **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Coast  
8 Guard to amend its regulations to allow small vessels to transport concurrently fuel, cargo,  
9 and passengers for delivery to remote communities and businesses in the state; and be it

10         **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
11 Coast Guard to adopt regulations that allow for vessels used to transport small quantities of  
12 fuel to be constructed of aluminum.

13         **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Janet A. Napolitano, United  
14 States Secretary of Homeland Security; Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States  
15 Coast Guard; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S.  
16 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
17 delegation in Congress.