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To designate the second week of August 1994 as “National U.S. Seafood Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the second week of August 1994 as “National U.S. Seafood Week”.

Whereas seafood is an important natural resource commercially harvested from the waters of every region of the United States;

Whereas an increasing amount of seafood is also available through United States aquaculture production;

Whereas the United States seafood industry provides hundreds of thousands of jobs and includes fish harvesters, growers, processors, managers, biologists, shipbuilders and suppliers, shippers, carriers, marketing personnel, wholesale and retail sellers, grocers and others;

Whereas the buying and consumption of American seafood products boosts our national economy and supports the “Made in the USA” theme;

Whereas seafood is one of the healthiest forms of protein, and is low in calories, fat and cholesterol;

Whereas seafood is being processed in increasingly creative forms to provide a vast market and a great variety of products;

Whereas each United States citizen consumes an average of 15 pounds of seafood annually, while citizens of some other industrialized fishing countries each consume over 50 pounds of seafood annually;

Whereas the United States harvests and produces 10 billion pounds of seafood annually;

Whereas the United States is the largest exporter of seafood in the world, but also the second largest importer of seafood, and domestic seafood which could be consumed by United States citizens is being exported to other countries;

Whereas the average American consumer will unknowingly purchase foreign seafood due to a lack of awareness about the availability and superior quality of domestic seafood;

Whereas competition in the world seafood market has increased, in part due to the subsidization of foreign seafood industries, particularly foreign aquaculture;

Whereas domestic seafood is one of the Nation’s most valuable sustainable natural resources; and

Whereas the United States could become a much healthier nation simply by eating a better diet, including eating more domestic seafood: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the second week of August 1994 be designated as
4 “National U.S. Seafood Week”. The President is author-
5 ized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon
6 the people of the United States to observe the week with
7 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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