A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Senate to move quickly to a majority floor vote of the United States Senate on all nominations by President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

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

WHEREAS art. II, sec. 2, Constitution of the United States, states that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States"; and

WHEREAS there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy on the United States Supreme Court during the 109th Congress; and

WHEREAS there is a possibility of the need to elevate a sitting justice on the United States Supreme Court to the position of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress; and

WHEREAS activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated the constitutional structure that prescribes that laws shall be written by elected legislatures; and

WHEREAS President George W. Bush has expressed his commitment to appoint
federal judges who will strictly interpret the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the past, a minority of senators has used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on several of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary;

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature respects our delegation's individual decisions on how each member of the delegation encourages members of the United States Senate to quickly bring judicial nominees to the Senate floor for a majority floor vote;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States Senate to move quickly to a majority floor vote of the United States Senate on all nominations by President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.