Designating Miss Alaska as the official hostess of the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS the Miss Alaska Pageant has been held each year since 1959 as the state final for the Miss America Pageant, and is the oldest, best known, and most respected beauty pageant in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Miss Alaska Pageant, and its preliminaries, sponsored by the Alaska Scholarship Pageant, Inc., comprise one of the largest women's scholarship foundations in the state, with the intent of securing participants who are interested in pursuing their education as a first attribute and, further, judge the participants on the basis of the whole person, including talent, intelligence, personality, poise, as well as beauty, to find a well-rounded young lady most capable of representing Alaska; and

WHEREAS the title of Miss Alaska should be reserved for the winner of the Miss Alaska Pageant who represents the state in the annual Miss America Pageant; and

WHEREAS the attributes upon which the winner of the pageant is judged are identical to those which would be sought in a young lady to be official hostess for the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS Alaska does not now have an official hostess; and

WHEREAS it would be of great benefit to the State of Alaska on appropriate occasions and in its public relations inside and outside the state and with dignitaries from outside the state to have a young lady serve as official hostess;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska Legislature proclaims that henceforth there shall be only one Miss Alaska at any one time and that the current Miss Alaska, Miss Virginia Walker, and all future Miss Alaskas who succeed her, shall serve as the official hostess of the State of Alaska.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Miss Virginia Walker and to the Alaska Scholarship Pageant, Inc.