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SCR 2: Recognizing Miss Alaska and the Miss Alaska Scholarship Foundation Pageant

SCR 2 seeks to update HCR 66, which was a 1970 resolution by the Sixth Alaska State Legislature, designating Miss Alaska as the official state hostess.

The Miss Alaska Scholarship Foundation is a subsidiary of the Miss America Organization, one of the largest scholarship programs in the world, distributing over \$35 million annually. Unlike some other Alaska pageants, MASF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit program, with 100% of all proceeds going to scholarships. The focus of the MASF is education and community service, and approximately 90% of contestants attend UA or plan to attend upon high school graduation. Each year the MASF awards \$15,000 to \$30,000 in cash scholarships paid directly to UA or to the student's student loan.

SCR 2 updates and reinforces the Legislature's resolution from 1970 by recognizing that there is only one Miss Alaska, who is Alaska's representative to the Miss America Pageant, and that Miss Alaska is the official hostess of the State of Alaska.