

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/9/15

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTIS, Saddler, Millett, Wilson, Thompson, Talerico, Colver, Vazquez, Hughes, Lynn

A RESOLUTION

1 **Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** every student in the state should have access to an effective education;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS** citizens across the state agree that continuing to improve the quality of
6 education in the state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable
8 system of education plays in preparing all children in the state to be successful adults; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state has a multitude of high quality traditional public schools,
10 optional public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families
11 who educate their children in the home; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state has many high quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all
13 types of educational environments; and

14 **WHEREAS** it is important for parents in the state to explore and identify the best
15 educational options available to their children; and

16 **WHEREAS** research demonstrates that providing children with multiple educational

1 options improves academic performance; and

2 **WHEREAS** National School Choice Week is a celebration recognized by millions of
3 students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the country for the
4 purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective educational options for
5 children;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates January 24 - 30,
7 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week and calls this observance to the attention of all citizens
8 of the state.