

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/29/95

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS LINCOLN, Green, Salo, Pearce, Adams, Sharp, Taylor, Frank, Miller, Ellis, Zharoff, Duncan, Torgerson, Rieger, Leman, Halford, Kelly

REPRESENTATIVES Robinson, Nicholia, B.Davis

A RESOLUTION

1 **Recognizing the women who have served Alaska as state or territorial legislators**
2 **and celebrating 100 years of women serving as state legislators.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc., which serves as the
5 educational arm of the National Order of Women Legislators, the oldest professional
6 association for women legislators in the country, is coordinating state, regional, and national
7 celebrations to commemorate the 100 years that women have served in state legislatures; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in January 1895, the first three women were sworn in to serve as state
9 legislators, before American women even had the universal right to vote; and

10 **WHEREAS** this centennial is being celebrated through the United States to promote
11 public knowledge and awareness of women in state history; and

12 **WHEREAS** the following women are current or past members of the Alaska State
13 Legislature or the Alaska Territorial Legislature:

14	Awes, Dorothy J.	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1957
15	Banfield, Mildred H.	State Senate (District D, appointed)	1963-1965
16		State House (District 4)	1967-1975

1	Barnes, Doris M.	Territorial House (1st Division)	1949, 1951
2		Territorial Senate (1st Division)	1953, 1955
3	Barnes, Ramona L.	State House (District 10, 14-A, 22)	1979-1985; 1987-present
4	Beirne, Helen D.	State House (District 8, 10, 11)	1969-1971; 1973-1977
5	Branson, Margaret	State House (District 5)	1979-1981
6	Brown, Kay	State House (District 12-A)	1987-present
7	Bruckman, Betty	State House (District 8-A)	1991-1993
8	Buchholdt, Thelma	State House (District 9)	1975-1983
9	Bullock, Edith	Territorial House (2nd Division)	1953, 1955
10		Territorial Senate (2nd Division)	1957
11	Cato, Bette M.	State House (District 5, 6)	1981-1989 (resigned)
12	Chance, Genie	State House (District 8, 7)	1969-1975
13		State Senate (District E)	1975-1977
14	Collins, Virginia M.	State House (District 10-B)	1985-1991
15		State Senate (District F-B)	1991-1993
16	Craft, Shirley	State Senate (District K-B, appointed)	1991-1993
17	Cross, Bess	Territorial House (2nd Division)	1945
18	Dale, Essie	Territorial House (4th Division)	1949
19	Davis, Bettye	State House (District 14-B, 21)	1991-present
20	Davis, Cheri	State House (District 1-B)	1989-1993
21	DeVries, Edna B.	State Senate (District E-B)	1985-1987
22	Dimock, Barbara	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1953
23	Engstrom, Thelma	Territorial House (1st Division)	1947
24	Fahrenkamp, Bettye M.	State Senate (District O, K-B)	1979-1991(died)
25	Faiks, Jan	State Senate (District E, F-B)	1983-1991
26	Fischer, Helen M.	State House (District 10, 8, 12)	1959-1961; 1971-1976 (resigned)
27		Territorial House (3rd Division)	1957
28		Territorial House (1st Division)	1947
29	Garnick, Anita	Territorial Senate (1st Division)	1949, 1951
30		State Senate (District N)	1995-present

1	Gunderson, Amelia	Territorial House (1st Division)	1949, 1951
2	Hanley, Alyce	State House (District 9-B)	1985-1991
3	Herrmann, Adelheid	State House (District 26)	1983-1989
4	Hurley, Katie	State House (District 16-A)	1985-1987
5	Itta, Brenda T.	State House (District 21)	1975-1977
6	James, Jeannette	State House (District 34)	1993-present
7	Jenne, Crystal	Territorial House (1st Division)	1941, 1943
8	Johnson, Grace A.	State House (District 23, appointed)	1962-1963
9	Kelley, Ramona M.	State House (District 8)	1975-1977
10	Lacher, Barbara	State House (District 16)	1983-1985
11	Lincoln, Georgianna	State House (District 24)	1991-1993
12		State Senate (District R)	1993-present
13	Linck, Alaska	Territorial House (4th Division)	1943, 1945
14	Little, Suzanne	State Senate (District D)	1993-1995
15	MacLean, Eileen Panigeo	State House (District 22, 37)	1989-present
16	Masek, Beverly	State House (District 28)	1995-present
17	McSmith, Blanche L.	State House (District 10, appointed)	1960-1961
18	Miller, Jo Ann	State House (District 7)	1973-1975
19	Miller, Mary	State House (District 15-A)	1991-1993
20	Munson, Joyce	State House (District 11)	1979-1981
21	Nicholia, Irene	State House (District 36)	1993-present
22	Ostrosky, Kathryn	State House (District 7)	1975-1977
23	Pearce, Drue	State House (District 9-A)	1985-1989
24		State Senate (District G-A, F)	1989-present
25	Phillips, Gail	State House (District 5-B, 7)	1991-present
26	Pinkerton, Lucille	State House (District 1)	1965-1967
27	Poland, Kathryn "Kay"	State Senate (District G, L, appointed in 1970, elected in 1971)	1970-1979
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29	Prior, Dorothy	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1953
30	Robinson, Caren	State House (District 4)	1995-present
31	Rudd, Lisa	State House (District 11, appointed in 1976,	

1	elected in 1977)	1976-1979
2	Ryan, Irene E.	1959-1961
3	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1955, 1957
4	Salo, Judy	1990-1991
5	State Senate (District E)	1993-present
6	Scott, Nell	1937
7	Smith, Sarah J. "Sally"	1977-1983
8	Spohnholz, Ann M.	1989
9	Sturgulewski, Arliss	1979-1993
10	Sullivan, Susan	1975-1977
11	Sweeney, Dora M.	1959-1965
12	Territorial House (1st Division)	1955
13	Tischer, Mae	1983-1985
14	Toohey, Cynthia	1993-present
15	Ulmer, Fran	1987-1994
16	Wallis, F. Kay	1985-1991; and

17 **WHEREAS** these women have represented their communities and the state with
18 diligence and enthusiasm; and

19 WHEREAS the knowledge, expertise, and wise leadership of these women have been
20 and continue to be valuable tools to carry Alaska into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS these women deserve recognition for their outstanding contributions to the state and their accomplishments as America's true "timeless pioneers";

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature extends its sincerest appreciation
24 to all of the women who have unselfishly served Alaska as state or territorial legislators, and
25 recognizes and joins in the 100th Year Celebration of Women in State Legislatures.

26 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the legislators identified in this resolution
27 or to the families of those legislators who are deceased, and to the National Foundation for
28 Women Legislators, Inc.