

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS MILLER, Halford, Phillips, Pearce, Taylor, Leman, Sharp, Frank, Torgerson, Green, Donley

REPRESENTATIVES Ogan, James

Introduced: 2/12/96

Referred: HES

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to supporting home schooling and establishing Alaska Home Education
2 Week.

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

4 WHEREAS home schooling is the fastest growing educational alternative in America;
5 and

6 WHEREAS home schooling families contribute significantly to the cultural diversity
7 important to a healthy society; and

8 WHEREAS Alaska has a significant number of parents who teach their own children
9 at home; and

10 WHEREAS the state has always been a place where diversity and individualism have
11 been championed; and

12 WHEREAS parents who provide education for their children at home exemplify the
13 independent Alaska spirit; and

14 WHEREAS home schooling families tend to be strong, healthy families who
15 contribute greatly to Alaska society; and

16 WHEREAS the cost of educating children at home is borne by the parents, thus saving

1 money from the state general fund; and

2 **WHEREAS** home school students are proving themselves by excelling in college and
3 in the state work force; and

4 **WHEREAS** the state's home school students are increasingly being recruited by
5 colleges around the country because of their academic achievements;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature approves of home schooling as
7 an important part of Alaska's educational infrastructure meriting state sanction and state
8 protection; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the right of
10 parents to choose home schooling as the education alternative best suited for their children;
11 and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Education, school districts, and
13 regional educational attendance areas are encouraged to cooperate with parents who are
14 teaching their children at home; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the
16 commissioner of education to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the Department
17 of Education, school districts, and regional educational attendance areas do not unnecessarily
18 interfere with parents exercising their right to home school their children; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the week of
20 October 13 - 19, 1996, as Alaska Home Education Week.

21 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the commissioner of education, the chief
22 administrative officer of each school district and regional educational attendance area in the
23 state, and the president of the Alaska Private and Home Educators Association.