

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Rules

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging support of the 1998 International People First Conference.

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

3 WHEREAS the 1998 International People First Conference will be held in Anchorage
4 on April 23 - 25, 1998, at the Egan Convention Center; and

5 WHEREAS this conference is expected to link at least 1,000 participants from 41
6 countries in an effort to develop the leadership skills of developmentally disabled persons so
7 that they can help themselves and other developmentally disabled persons to self-advocate and
8 live independently; and

9 WHEREAS the conference is co-chaired by Joe Pichler, treasurer of People First of
10 Alaska, and Beverly Tallman, University of Alaska Anchorage, Center for Human
11 Development; and

12 WHEREAS the positive economic effect of the conference on the Anchorage area
13 could be as high as \$1,000,000; and

14 WHEREAS the success of the conference will depend on the involvement of
15 corporations, businesses, and others in advance planning, funding, and the various activities
16 necessary to accommodate a conference of this type;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the involvement of

1 the committee members who are working on this international conference, including members
2 of The ARC of Anchorage, Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, Access Alaska,
3 Special Olympics Alaska, Hope Cottages, the Alaska division of vocational rehabilitation, and
4 PARENTS; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges corporations,
6 businesses, service clubs, school groups, and other persons to offer support to help make the
7 conference an example of the finest welcome that the state has to offer.

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to People First of Alaska, c/o The ARC of
9 Anchorage, 2211 Arca Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508; and to the 1998 International People
10 First Conference, Conference Headquarters, 2330 Nichols Street, Anchorage, AK 99508.