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Expressing support for Senator Ted Stevens and severe displeasure and indignation with the federal government's deplorable investigation and prosecution of the Senator.

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## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

**WHEREAS** United States Senator Ted Stevens' public service began with his military service during World War II; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Stevens served the State of Alaska for over 50 years as a United States Attorney, member of the Alaska House of Representatives, and United States Senator; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Stevens was the longest serving Republican and seventh longest serving senator in the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS** Alaska and its communities owe a debt of gratitude to Senator Stevens for his tireless efforts on behalf of the state; and

**WHEREAS** the United States Department of Justice has moved "to set aside the verdict and dismiss the indictment [against Senator Stevens] with prejudice"; and

**WHEREAS** the prosecutors in the case withheld information that should have been provided to the defense during the trial; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Justice's prosecution team was found in contempt of court for wilfully failing to abide by the laws and procedures of the federal court; and

**WHEREAS**, under 5 U.S.C. 1502(a)(1) (Hatch Act), a federal "employee may not use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election"; and

**WHEREAS** questions have arisen as to whether provisions of the Hatch Act have been violated; and

**WHEREAS** the dismissal of these charges does not restore Senator Stevens' reputation and legacy or compensate Senator Stevens for his legal expenses and loss of future income; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government cannot be sued without its permission, except as provided under 28 U.S.C. 1348 (Federal Tort Claims Act);

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska House of Representatives demands that the federal government grant Senator Stevens permission to sue the United States Department of Justice for redress; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that federal employees involved with Senator Stevens' prosecution be investigated for violations of the Hatch Act and, if found guilty, be subject to penalty under the Act; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States Government should issue a formal apology to Senator Stevens and the People of Alaska for this heinous miscarriage of justice.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.