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SCR 15 Education and Sharing Day

Sponsor Statement

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 proclaims March 27, 2017 as “Alaska Education and Sharing Day” to provide focus on the importance and recognition of values, ethics, and character development to help students become engaged, caring, and responsible citizens.

This resolution is aligned with national proclamations that have occurred since 1978 when Congress set aside the anniversary of the birth of Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson to be “Education and Sharing Day.” The Rebbe dedicated his life to the promotion of education as a cornerstone of humanity, and held that in addition to academics, the discussion of morals should not be neglected. His legacy was encouraging Americans to teach and share with the next generation the values that make good citizens, a strong nation, and a better world.

For 40 years, every United States president, regardless of political stripes or religious affiliation, has honored this vision by proclaiming “Education and Sharing Day” nationally. Because education for Alaskan students occurs here at home, it is prudent for us also to honor this vision in Alaska.

Please join me in supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 and setting aside March 27 as a day to reflect and share with students those elements outside of academics that are essential to becoming fine citizens.

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