

# House Joint Resolutions

## SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled:**

**To the President of the United States; the President of the U. S. Senate; the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives; the Secretary of Commerce; the Chairmen of the Commerce Committees of the U. S. Senate and House; U. S. Senator Mike Mansfield; U. S. Senator E. L. Bartlett; U. S. Senator Ernest Gruening; U. S. Representative Ralph Rivers.**

The first Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully represents:

The prosperity of the United States in general and the State of Alaska in particular depends in large measure upon the successful utilization of their natural resources with which both are so generously endowed.

The production of gold, until recent years, played a large and important role in the development of America.

The decline in U. S. gold production is the result of the following factors all dating from 1934:

- (1) Price of gold being artificially fixed at \$35.00 an ounce;
- (2) The tripling of wage and other production costs; and
- (3) Prohibition against U. S. producers of gold selling on the open world market.

The revival of the Alaska gold industry would not only be of enormous im-

portance to the economy of the State but would also tend to stabilize and strengthen the leader of the free enterprise system.

Alaska's Legislators urge various reasons for this resolution, among them are:

- (1) Increase in the price of gold by the United States and the free nations would broaden the credit base of world trade.
- (2) Increased employment and prosperity would result and the market for our national exports would be extended without further dependents on foreign trade subsidies in the form of loans and gifts to other nations.
- (3) Loss of United States gold reserves would be halted.
- (4) Strengthening of commodity markets so essential to the stability of restless people in other nations would result.
- (5) It will counter the Russian attempt to gain control of world trade through increased production of their gold.

The First Legislature of the State of Alaska, therefore, respectfully urges the enactment of congressional legislation that will raise the fixed price of gold to \$70.00 an ounce as proposed by Senators Mansfield, Bartlett, Gruening and Congressman Rivers, in their bills now before the United States Congress.

Passed by the House February 10, 1959.  
Passed by the Senate February 16, 1959.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

**Relating to Youth Honor Day.**

**Be it Resolved by the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:**

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance to the welfare of this nation that the youth of this state be given recognition for their outstanding achievements and be encouraged to prepare themselves for

their future responsibilities and obligations as citizens of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of several states have adopted resolutions designating October 31 of each year as Youth Honor Day, which is appropriately observed in honor of the youth of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Honor Day program has been of tremendous benefit to the youth of America by providing them with the opportunity to assume the responsibility of governing the conduct of the members of their own group; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Youth Honor Day program would prove very beneficial not only to the youth but also to all the people of this state;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Alaska does hereby authorize and respectfully request the Governor to issue a proclamation designating October 31 of each year as Youth Honor Day; that the people of this state be urged to actively participate in the observance of this day; and that a suitable copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Honorable William A. Egan.

Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1959.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, on March 5, 1949, authorized the creation of the Alaska Statehood Committee; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Committee was charged with the duties of conducting research, and preparing and disseminating information on statehood in order that the people of Alaska might better prepare for and carry on the successful fight to achieve statehood; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Statehood Committee did faithfully and well carry out the duties delegated to them; and

WHEREAS, the assistance to the Alaska Constitutional Convention by the aforesaid Committee in the collection and preparation of factual material for the use of the Convention materially assisted that body in preparing and bringing into actuality one of the best constitutions of any of the forty-nine states; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that just recognition be given the members of this Committee who have so well

carried out the duties assigned to them;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the First Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby extended by this Assembly to those dedicated Alaskans who served as members of the Alaska Statehood Committee:— Robert B. Atwood of Anchorage; William L. Baker of Ketchikan; Lee Bettinger of Kodiak; Mrs. Mildred R. Hermann of Juneau; Jack Hinckel of Kodiak; Percy Ipalook of Wales; Howard Lyng of Nome; Stanley J. McCutcheon of Anchorage; Andrew Nerland of Fairbanks; Frank Peratrovich of Klawock; Victor C. Rivers of Anchorage; C. W. Snedden of Fairbanks; Warren A. Taylor of Fairbanks; Michael J. Walsh of Nome; Senator E. L. Bartlett of Juneau; Judge Anthony J. Dimond of Anchorage; Senator Ernest Gruening of Juneau; Governor B. Frank Heintzleman of Juneau; Governor Mike Stepovich of Fairbanks; and Acting Governor Waino E. Hendrickson of Juneau. And further that copies of this Resolution be presented to these Alaskans, or to the immediate families of those not now living.

Passed by the House February 17, 1959.

Passed by the Senate February 23, 1959.