



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Expressing the grief of the Alaska Legislature over the passing of Dwight David Eisenhower.

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

WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower was a rare individual of many talents: soldier, author, educator and statesman, who used his wide range of knowledge and experience for the betterment of our nation; and

WHEREAS his life was a model of that which is finest in dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS "Ike" had a family heritage of citizen-soldiery, pride of family, honor and depth of religious conviction which were passed to and personified by him; and

WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower will be remembered as the smiling, jubilant President who was a symbol of moderation to all sides of the political spectrum; and who maintained a philosophy apart from partisan politics; and

WHEREAS he was to most historians, the most important military figure of World War II, the victorious outcome of which had depended in large part upon his decisions as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force; and

WHEREAS, despite his military orientation, his life was dedicated to the quest for an honorable peace, coupled with the protection and perpetuation of basic human freedom; and

WHEREAS his Presidency is distinguished for his efforts at international cooperation, especially with the Soviet Union, his

efforts to maintain a stance of military strength, a desire for understanding among men and a commitment to the proposition of every man's equality before the law; and

WHEREAS Dwight David Eisenhower took a nation utterly fatigued from depression and two wars, frightened of nuclear holocaust, and riven with doubt about its heritage and destiny, and kept it safe and nurtured it back to strength until it was ready to proceed with the new hope he helped give it; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska labored for many years to become the Nation's 49th state and the long and arduous struggle ended when President Eisenhower signed the Proclamation of Statehood on January 3, 1959, after championing Alaska's cause and providing the needed impetus for the Congressional passage of the Statehood Act; and

WHEREAS the people of Alaska are especially grieved by the loss of "Ike" because of his vital role in the achievement of Alaska's goal of statehood and his continued concern for the growth and development of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that this Resolution serve as an expression of grief at the passing of Dwight David Eisenhower and as a token of sympathy to his wife, Mamie Eisenhower, and to their son, John, and his family.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower and to their son, John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, and his family.