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Urging the permanent appointment of an Alaskan  
to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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

WHEREAS the appellate jurisdiction of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit includes Alaska and often involves the interpretation of Alaska law and a knowledge of Alaska; and

WHEREAS in 1986, 2.27 percent of the appeals filed with the court came from Alaska; and

WHEREAS there are twenty-eight judges on the court and, therefore, proportionally, at least one judge should be an Alaskan; and

WHEREAS in 1980, for the first time in the twenty-one years since statehood, an Alaskan, Robert Boochever, was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit after serving for eight years as a justice on the Alaska Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS in 1986, after serving with distinction on the court for six years, Judge Boochever reached the age of retirement and assumed duties as a senior judge, a change that resulted in a vacancy on the court; and

WHEREAS Judge Boochever has moved outside of the state and no other Alaskan has been appointed to the court; and

WHEREAS it is important both to the State of Alaska and to the court that there always be at least one judge on the court from Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the

President of the United States is respectfully requested to fill the next vacancy occurring on the court by appointing an Alaskan to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that there should be at all times at least one Alaskan actively sitting on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard Thornburgh, Attorney General of the United States; the Honorable Joseph Biden, U.S. Senator and Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.