

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE MULDER**

**Introduced: 5/11/97**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Urging the United States Congress to amend copyright laws to allow more  
2 extensive satellite service in Alaska.**

**3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**4 WHEREAS** many state residents have only severely limited access to local and  
**5 national television broadcasting; and**

**6 WHEREAS** better access to local and national television broadcasting would allow for  
**7 better communication within the state; and**

**8 WHEREAS** more competition in programming will ultimately bring better service and  
**9 lower costs to state residents; and**

**10 WHEREAS** current federal copyright laws impose charges on the rebroadcast of local  
**11 programming by satellite that do not apply equally to other methods of rebroadcast;**

**12 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress  
**13 to amend the federal copyright laws to allow satellite television service in Alaska to  
14 rebroadcast local programming throughout the state on an equal footing with other methods  
15 of rebroadcasting.**

**16 COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the

1 United States; the Honorable Conrad Burns, Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Science,  
2 Technology and Space; the Honorable W. J. "Billy" Tauzin, Chair of the House Subcommittee  
3 on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
4 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.