

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to voluntary school prayer.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** religious freedom is a fundamental constitutional right enshrined by our
4 founders in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

5 **WHEREAS** a vast majority of Americans of all political parties favor a constitutional
6 amendment that will allow voluntary prayer in public schools; and

7 **WHEREAS** the First Amendment has been eroded to a point where more protection
8 is afforded government institutions than citizens, a reversal of the original intent; and

9 **WHEREAS** our government has a constitutional obligation to protect religious
10 freedom and, in light of the assault on traditional moral values, the government needs to
11 ensure that freedom without fear of hostility to open and public prayer;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
13 to adopt House Joint Resolution 7 or Senate Joint Resolution 1, proposed amendments to the
14 Constitution of the United States, relating to voluntary school prayer.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
16 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
17 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.