

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/16/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS WARD, Halford, Taylor, Mackie, Pearce, Green, Wilken, Parnell

REPRESENTATIVES Green, Ogan, Kohring, Harris, Dyson

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

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

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
11 to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow a moment of silence
12 for the purpose of voluntary prayer in public schools.

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