

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Senate to move quickly to confirm all nominations by**
2 **President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** art. II, sec. 2, Constitution of the United States, states that the President
5 "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint
6 ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other
7 officers of the United States"; and

8 **WHEREAS** there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy on the United States
9 Supreme Court during the 109th Congress; and

10 **WHEREAS** there is a possibility of the need to elevate a sitting justice on the United
11 States Supreme Court to the position of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress; and

12 **WHEREAS** activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated the constitutional
13 structure that prescribes that laws shall be written by elected legislatures; and

14 **WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has expressed his commitment to appoint
15 federal judges who will strictly interpret the United States Constitution; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the past, a minority of senators has used dilatory tactics to prevent a

1 Senate floor vote on several of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom
2 were reported favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States
4 Senate to move quickly to confirm all nominations by President George W. Bush to the
5 United States Supreme Court.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
7 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
8 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;
9 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Frank H.
10 Murkowski, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
11 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
12 the Alaska delegation in Congress.