

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/6/08

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Alaskans deserve a media venue in which the issues are debated freely
4 and openly; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in the past, the Federal Communications Commission regulations have
6 caused the broadcasting industry to avoid important issues relevant to the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS** lifting the Fairness Doctrine opened the public airwaves to vigorous
8 healthy discussion of controversial issues; and

9 **WHEREAS** talk radio has emerged as a forum for public debate among people with
10 differing political views across Alaska and the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS** the First Amendment right of free speech applies regardless of the
12 medium; and

13 **WHEREAS** Americans are entitled to hear all of the facts and arguments on every
14 side of an issue, no matter how controversial;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports open and free
16 competition within the broadcasting industry to promote healthy debate on issues between

1 people with differing backgrounds and from a wide variety of viewpoints; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes federal action
3 that would reverse or inhibit open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
5 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.