

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DRUMMOND

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Referred: Education

A RESOLUTION

1 **Designating February 15 - 20, 2016, as Celebrating Alaska Public Schools Week.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the founding fathers of the United States valued public education and
4 considered public education to be essential to the survival of the democratic form of
5 government; and

6 **WHEREAS** high quality public education is one of the cornerstones of the state
7 constitution and is a fundamental civil right; and

8 **WHEREAS** public schools serve every child in a community, regardless of race,
9 religion, or ability, and provide the opportunity for students to learn from and understand
10 people with diverse backgrounds and cultures; and

11 **WHEREAS** 90 percent of children attending school in the United States attend public
12 schools, and it is essential to focus national attention on making public education the best it
13 can be; and

14 **WHEREAS** Celebrating Alaska Public Schools Week will highlight the contribution
15 that public schools, teachers, students, and parents make to the community; and

16 **WHEREAS** Public Schools Week is celebrated across the country by millions of

1 students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the importance
2 of public education and its achievements and to protect a person's basic right to a free and
3 public education;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates February 15 - 20,
5 2016, as Celebrating Alaska Public Schools Week.