

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GREUEL

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE  
6 INTERIOR; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND  
7 INSULAR AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
8 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE  
9 DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of  
11 Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully  
12 submits that:

13 WHEREAS, the ideal of self-government has been the  
14 cornerstone upon which we have built the greatest nation on  
15 earth, the United States of America; and

16 WHEREAS, it is the proven desire of the people of Alaska  
17 to become one of the several states of the United States of  
18 America as soon as possible; and

19 WHEREAS, the direct election of our own governor by the  
20 people of Alaska would be a definite step toward the fruition  
21 of Alaska's goal of Statehood and would provide further  
22 evidence as to the validity of our claim of being able to  
23 govern ourselves as a state of the United States:

24 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the  
25 Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Congress of  
26 the United States adopt at present session, legislation  
27 enabling the people of Alaska to elect their own governor  
28 and lieutenant-governor. *SECRETARY OF ALASKA*

29 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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