

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. HURLEY

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 45

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO EACH AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE DELEGATE
7 TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
9 Alaska, in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully
10 represents that:

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has
12 failed to perform its duty which it assumed by the purchase of
13 Alaska from Russia in 1867 to give to the Territory laws and
14 appropriations sufficient for its proper development; and,

15 WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska through their
16 representatives and Senators in legislative assembly have sent
17 Memorials to the proper authorities in the Congress of the
18 United States calling attention to the needs of the Territory
19 which have been disregarded by the members of Congress; and,

20 WHEREAS, the development of the Territory has been retarded
21 on account of improper laws and regulations passed by Congress and
22 promulgated by the Department of the Interior of the United States;
23 and,

24 WHEREAS, the members of the Twenty-first Session of the
25 Territorial Legislature of Alaska have passed Memorials request-
26 ing from Congress fair and honest consideration of the needs of
27 the Territory to its ultimate development so that we can become
28 admitted to the status of one of the States of the Union to meet
29 the objections of the President that we are not yet ready for

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1 statehood;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
3 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the members of the
4 Congress of the United States, to whom this Memorial is submitted,
5 will read the Memorials submitted by the Twenty-First Session of
6 the Alaska Legislature and give due and fair consideration to
7 the same and that Congress pass constructive laws and regulations so
8 that the people of Alaska will be encouraged to develop the
9 natural resources of the Territory, and that appropriations be
10 granted for the development of the Territory so that the people
11 of Alaska will be able to maintain the Territory as one of the
12 States of the Union. We also pray that Congress give fair and due
13 consideration to the needs of the Territory of Alaska and sug-
14 gest that Congress do a little praying on its own for Divine Guidance
15 in connection with the affairs of this Territory.

16 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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