

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR EGAN

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
6 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE
8 POSTMASTER GENERAL, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE DIRECTOR
9 OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION AND THE DELEGATE TO
10 CONGRESS FROM ALASKA;

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
12 in Twenty-first Regular Session assembled, respectfully represents
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, on a night in December of the year 1940, the com-
15 bined Courthouse, Jail and Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska,
16 was totally destroyed by fire; and

17 WHEREAS, ever since the above occurrence, the town of
18 Valdez and embracing area has been without adequate facilities
19 for housing or maintaining prisoners and holding terms of the
20 District Court; and

21 WHEREAS, all pertinent records and valuable documents per-
22 taining to the Department of Justice, Postoffice Department and
23 other Federal agencies located at Valdez are scattered throughout
24 the town in various frame buildings, with a constant threat of
25 fire endangering their safe keeping; and

26 WHEREAS, the population of Valdez has trebled over the past
27 three year period; and

28 WHEREAS, to cite a relative example, the volume of mail
29 received at the Valdez Postoffice has increased to the point

1. where facilities available do not afford the Postmaster or her
2. assistants opportunity to make available to the public the usual
3. efficient dispersing of the mails to the public when shipments
4. of mail are being assorted, nor, do the present facilities allow
5. the usual safety from theft that citizens of the United States
6. generally accept as being in keeping with the high standards of
7. the United States Postal Service; and

8. WHEREAS, in reply to previous Memorials directed to them by
9. the Alaska Legislature, the Secretary of the Interior, the
10. Attorney General and the Postmaster General of the United States
11. have individually recognized the necessity for construction of a
12. fireproof Federal Building at Valdez, Alaska;

13. NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
14. Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States
15. Officers and Delegate to Congress from Alaska, to whom this
16. Memorial is submitted, lend their united effort toward obtaining
17. a Congressional appropriation enabling the construction of a
18. combined Courtouse, Jail, Postoffice and general Federal office
19. building at Valdez, Alaska.

20. AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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