

1 IN THE SENATE

BY COMMITTEE ON STATEHOOD AND  
FEDERAL RELATIONS

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 WHEREAS, an editorial entitled "Let's Make it 50 in '55",  
6 favoring statehood now for Alaska and Hawaii, was published in  
7 "Colliers" for March 18, 1955, and has been read before both  
8 Houses of this Legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, this editorial succinctly and accurately sets out  
10 the story of neglect, indifference, discrimination and denial of  
11 self-determination to citizens under the American flag, which has  
12 marked the Federal administration of Alaska, in our own purview;  
13 states the facts which prove the readiness of this Territory and  
14 its peoples to assume full self-government and direct participa-  
15 tion in federal affairs; and points out the fallacies of alterna-  
16 tive proposals as a substitute for statehood; and

17 WHEREAS, the timely appearance, compelling logic, and  
18 unequivocal stand of this editorial on an issue too long avoided  
19 by our Nation is heart-warming and deeply gratifying to us, the  
20 elected representatives of the people of Alaska;

21 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the  
22 Territory of Alaska that we commend and congratulate the editors  
23 and publishers of "Colliers" for the national recognition they  
24 have given to the merit of our cause and for their re-affirmation  
25 of faith in our concept of freedom for all American citizens.  
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