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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD 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 POST-
8 MASTER GENERAL, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE DIRECTOR OF
9 THE PUBLIC BUILDING ADMINISTRATION, THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS
10 FROM ALASKA, ALASKA SENATORS ELECT WILLIAM EGAN AND ERNEST
11 GRUENING, ALASKA CONGRESSMAN ELECT RALPH RIVERS AND THE COMMITTEE
12 ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

13 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
14 in Twenty-third regular Session assembled, respectfully submits
15 that:

16 WHEREAS, The community of Bethel, Alaska, which is situated
17 on the lower Kuskokwim River, services a large area as a trade
18 center and transfer point for mail and commerce, by regular air
19 carriers, to many villages and mining camps in that portion of
20 the Territory of Alaska, and

21 WHEREAS, Many tons of U. S. Mail must be sorted and rerouted
22 through its local post office, which is a dilapidated old wood
23 frame building, comparable in size to a one car garage, and

24 WHEREAS, Many Governmental services, on the Federal level,
25 are maintained for the health and welfare of the people in that
26 given regional area, which are housed under similar conditions
27 as that of the post office and create a great maintenance cost, to
28 the respective agencies, and

29 WHEREAS, The United States Marshals Office for one third of

1 the Fourth Judicial Division is maintained at Bethel, which is
2 housed in an old Army building not adequate to facilitate the means
3 of that office to guarantee safe conduct of a Federal prisoner,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The records of the United States Commissioners
6 Office are of great value and importance to the local area and
7 should be safe-guarded from becoming lost or being destroyed by
8 fire or other unforeseen disaster;

9 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
10 Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the United States
11 Officers, the Delegate to Congress from Alaska and the Senators
12 and Congressman elect from Alaska, to whom this Memorial is
13 submitted, lend their united effort toward obtaining a Congression-
14 al appropriation in the present session, enabling the construction
15 of a fire-proof building to provide facilities for a combined
16 Courthouse, Jail, Postoffice and other governmental office space
17 at Bethel, Alaska.

18 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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