

BY THE STATEHOOD AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 Relating to declaring March 30 a holiday

6 WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the
7 cession of Alaska from Russia to the United States of America;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession states that
10 all inhabitants of Alaska are to be afforded "the enjoyment of
11 all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the
12 United States"; and

13 WHEREAS, many such rights, advantages and immunities have
14 been denied the citizens of Alaska because of its Territorial
15 status; and

16 WHEREAS, it has been more than adequately demonstrated
17 during the long ninety years that Alaskans firmly believe and
18 adhere to the principals upon which the constitutional government
19 of the United States was founded; and

20 WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief
21 in this form of government by adopting a constitution for the
22 State of Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures
23 the same rights as the United States Constitution, which consti-
24 tution was forwarded last June 1956 to the Honorable Dwight D.
25 Eisenhower, President of the United States, for transmittal to
26 the Congress; and

27 WHEREAS, the President of the United States and both major
28 political parties, in their party platforms, have openly endorsed
29 immediate statehood for Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS, there are several bills now pending before the
2 Congress to admit Alaska as a State;

3 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the
4 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that
5 March 30 be declared a holiday and that the people of Alaska on
6 this date celebrate the liberation from Russian colonial
7 bondage; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should Alaska's quest for
9 statehood be realized by March 30, 1957, that such day also be
10 designated "Statehood Day."

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