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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR SOMMERFIELD, POSTMASTER GENERAL,
6 WASHINGTON, D.C.; TO THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF
7 THE INTERIOR; TO THE HONORABLE HENRY M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES
8 SENATOR; TO THE HONORABLE WARREN G. MAGNUSON, UNITED STATES
9 SENATOR; TO THE HONORABLE WAYNE MORSE, UNITED STATES SENATOR; TO
10 THE HONORABLE RICHARD NEUBERGER, UNITED STATES SENATOR; TO THE
11 HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS:

12 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the
13 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respect-
14 fully represents:

15 WHEREAS, it has been the apparent policy of the United
16 States Post Office Department to honor statesmen, scholars, ex-
17 plorers and other outstanding Americans by issuing a commemora-
18 tive postage stamp, and

19 WHEREAS, Judge James Wickersham has distinguished himself
20 as an outstanding American and particularly as an Alaskan, hav-
21 ing, among other feats, the following accomplishments to his
22 credit:

23 (a) Was appointed to the Alaska Federal Bench in 1900;

24 (b) Assisted in revising and establishing the present
25 judicial system now existing in the Territory;

26 (c) Led the first expedition ever to attempt to climb
27 Mt. McKinley, the highest peak on the North American Continent;

28 (d) Served as a Delegate to the United States Congress
29 and secured passage of the Alaska Organic Act, making Alaska an

1 organized Territory;

2 (e) Introduced into the United States Congress on
3 October 18, 1916, the first Statehood Bill for Alaska.

4 (f) Helped establish the University of Alaska;

5 (g) Became known as the "Father of the Alaska Rail-
6 road", introducing and fighting for the passage of the Alaska
7 Railroad Bill;

8 (h) Published the first newspaper, the "News Miner",
9 in Fairbanks;

10 (i) Compiled a monumental work "Bibliography of Alaska
11 Literature, 1724-1924"; wrote numerous historic, scientific and
12 legal manuscripts concerning Alaska including "The Forty-Ninth
13 Star" for Collier's Magazine, 1910; and his biography, "Old
14 Yukon - Tales, Trails and Trails" which has become a classic; and

15 (j) Preserved for Alaska rare historic documents,
16 books, maps, and artifacts which became a part of the famed
17 Wickersham Library and Collection now on exhibit in the Ter-
18 ritorial Historical Library and Museum; and

19 WHEREAS, August 24, 1957, marks the centenary of the birth
20 of James Wickersham, whom Alaskans regard with great respect,
21 honor and love,

22 NOW THEREFORE Your Memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska,
23 respectfully urges the United States Post Office Department to
24 issue a JUDGE WICKERSHAM CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP
25 in his honor and memory.

26 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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