

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATEHOOD AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY

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OF ALASKA IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the
8 conclusion of the Treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the
9 United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession admitted
11 inhabitants of the ceded area to "the enjoyment of all
12 the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the
13 United States" and thereby gave initial and unique promise
14 of Alaska's attaining, among those rights and advantages,
15 self government in the American tradition; and

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

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WHEREAS, it has been adequately demonstrated during ninety
20 years that Alaskans firmly believe in and adhere to the
21 principles of constitutional government; and

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WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief
23 in such principles by adopting a constitution for the State
24 of Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures
25 the same rights as the Constitution of the United States.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives
27 of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled,
28 that March 30, 1957 be further designated "Liberation Day" and
29 that the people of Alaska on this date celebrate their liberation

1 from Russian colonial bondage; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United
3 States be urged to grant statehood to Alaska by March 30, 1957
4 and further resolved that should Alaska's quest for statehood be
5 realized by March 30, 1957, that this day, now known as "Seward
6 Day", also be designated "Statehood Day".

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