

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 4

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR SCHMERFIELD, POSTMASTER GENERAL, WASH-
6 INGTON, D.C.; TO THE HONORABLE FRED A SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE
7 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;
10 TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD NEUBERGER, UNITED STATES SENATOR; TO
11 THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS.

12 Your Memorialist, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska in
13 Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully represents:

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

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

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

23 (b) Assisted in establishing the present judicial system
24 now existing in the Territory; creating the first courts in the
25 Interior of Alaska;

26 (c) Led the first expedition over to attempt to climb (1903)
27 Mt. McKinley, the highest peak on the North American Continent;
28 later introduced bill to Congress creating Mt. McKinley National
29 Park;

1 (d) Named city of Fairbanks, 1902, and established the seat
2 of the Court in this Interior Alaska city;

3 (e) Introduced bill and helped establish the University of
4 Alaska;

5 (f) Published the first newspaper, the "News-Miner" in
6 Fairbanks;

7 (g) Compiled a monumental work, "Bibliography of Alaska
8 Literature, 1724-1924"; wrote numerous historic, scientific and
9 legal manuscripts concerning Alaska, and his biography, "Old
10 Yukon - Tales, Trails and Trials" which has become a classic;

11 (h) Preserved for Alaska rare historic documents, books,
12 maps, artifacts which became a part of the famed Wickersham
13 Library and Collection now on exhibit in the Territorial Histori-
14 cal Library and Museum; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Wickersham is one of Alaska's great pioneers
16 and his record of cleaning up lawlessness and establishing order
17 in the gold rush days made him outstanding, and much of Alaska's
18 development today can be attributed to his fearlessness; and

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

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

25 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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