

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: THE PRESIDENT OF THE
6 SENATE: THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: AND THE
7 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
9 first session assembled, respectfully represents:

10 WHEREAS, Alaska has at long last joined the American Union,
11 becoming the 49th state on January 3, 1959, after many years as
12 a Territory without the full benefits of United States citizen-
13 ship; and

14 WHEREAS, Hawaii has for many years also been a Territory
15 similarly deprived of the equal rights and privileges granted
16 United States citizens fortunate enough to reside in a State,
17 with the result that the people of Alaska and Hawaii have always
18 felt akin and in sympathy towards the attainment of this objec-
19 tive and have always cooperated in attempting to obtain the
20 benefits of statehood; and

21 WHEREAS, during the recent successful struggle for Alaska
22 Statehood the people of Hawaii and their representatives lent
23 both encouragement and aid, thereby showing not only their un-
24 selfish interest in the aspirations of the people of Alaska but
25 also demonstrating their commitment to the American ideals of
26 democracy and self-government; and

27 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have shown the capability,
28 initiative and responsibility to accept the burdens and pri-
29 vileges of Statehood; and

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WHEREAS, the achievement of statehood by the people of
Alaska makes any objection to statehood for Hawaii untenable;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of
the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully
urges that the Congress of the United States at its present
session pass legislation as will admit Hawaii to the Union on
an equal footing with the other states.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.