

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 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 The Legislature of the State of Alaska in first session
9 assembled, respectfully represents as follows:

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

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

21 During the recent successful struggle for Alaska State-
22 hood the people of Hawaii and their representatives lent both
23 encouragement and aid, thereby showing not only their unselfish
24 interest in the aspirations of the people of Alaska but also
25 demonstrating their committment to the American ideals of democ-
26 racy and self-government; and

27 The people of Hawaii have shown the capability, initiative
28 and responsibility to accept the burdens and privileges of
29 Statehood; and

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The achievement of statehood by the people of Alaska makes any objection to statehood for Hawaii untenable; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged at its present session to pass legislation that will admit Hawaii to the Union on an equal footing with the other states, as the 50th state of our Great Union.

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