

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the use of historical

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Sitka as the focal point of the

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Alaska Centennial in 1967.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION

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ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

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WHEREAS, arrangements are now underway for a state-wide

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observance of Alaska's centennial year in 1967 to commemorate

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its acquisition from Russia in 1867; and

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WHEREAS, the birth of Alaska as an American territory took

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place at Sitka which served as its last Russian and first Ameri-

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can capital; and

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WHEREAS, the annual observance of the formal transfer from

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Russian to American hands has been for many years held with

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appropriate ceremony and festivity at Sitka; and

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WHEREAS, the community effort which has attracted all

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Alaskans to this historical place deserves the attention and

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support of the state as the focal point for the forthcoming ob-

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servance of the Alaska Centennial; and

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WHEREAS, in preparation for the Alaska Centennial special

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attention should be given to the preservation and restoration of

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historical landmarks and sites of the Russian-American period and

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the possibility of state, federal and private foundation advice

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and support for a gradual restoration by stages on a scale to

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compare with the restoration as a state-federal historical site

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at the colonial capital of Virginia at Williamsburg;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
2 Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring
3 that the Governor is respectfully requested to appoint a committee
4 of interested citizens to study and prepare a report including
5 long range plans for making Sitka the focal point of the state-
6 wide observance of the Alaska Centennial in 1967 and to make
7 available to the committee the services and talents of the various
8 state agencies, and solicit the support of federal officials and
9 private organizations, in determining what could and should be
10 done to restore the historical landmarks and sites with which
11 Sitka is so richly endowed to remind all Alaskans of their his-
12 torical heritage and to serve as a continuing attraction for
13 visitors to the state.

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