

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE
2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to striking a coin
6 commemorating the one-hundredth
7 anniversary of the purchase of
8 the Territory of Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
10 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

11 WHEREAS, commemorative coins have been popular since the days
12 of the Greeks and the Romans, serving to record and honor events
13 of historical significance in the progress of nations; and

14 WHEREAS, in the United States, commemorative coins have been
15 struck since 1892, commemorating centennials, tercentenaries,
16 diamond jubilees, sesquicentennials, bicentennials, expositions,
17 granting of charters, and commemoration purchases, bridges,
18 battles, individuals, and canals; and

19 WHEREAS, commemorative coins, when struck in a sufficient
20 number, are widely collected at home and abroad, so that the
21 significance of important historical events is made known to many
22 people; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1867, the United States, following its peaceful
24 tradition, acquired the Territory of Alaska from Russia by
25 purchase and not by conquest; and

26 WHEREAS, following the United States' traditional policy of
27 granting equality and self-government to its territories, Alaska
28 has been admitted to the Union of States; and

29 WHEREAS, 1967 will be the one-hundredth anniversary of the

1 purchase of the Territory of Alaska;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
3 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress
4 of the United States be urged to authorize a silver dollar or
5 other coin commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the
6 acquisition in 1867 of the Territory of Alaska, to be struck in
7 1967 in a sufficient number to allow wide distribution, to empha-
8 size that the Territory was acquired by purchase and not by
9 conquest, the design of either the obverse or the reverse to be
10 approved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
12 the Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking and Currency; the Chair-
13 man, House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures; and the
14 Alaska Delegation to Congress.

15 Passed by the House February 5, 1962
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Speaker of the House

19 ATTEST:

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Passed by the Senate February 19, 1962

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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HJR #39, As Amended
By the Senate