

Introduced: 3/13/63  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

Relating to the establishment

6

of a mineral research laboratory

7

at the University of Alaska.

8

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9

WHEREAS, the President of the United States stressed the  
10 importance of minerals and mineral research to the economy in  
11 his message to the nation on March 1, 1963; and

12 WHEREAS, the wealth and strength of nations depend to a great  
13 extent upon the mineral resources controlled and located within  
14 their borders; and

15 WHEREAS, Alaska, the largest state of the union and often  
16 referred to as the treasurer house of minerals, is the least  
17 explored from the viewpoint of mineral reserves and those geologic  
18 factors affecting land utilization; and

19 WHEREAS, the U. S. Geological Survey, the U. S. Bureau of  
20 Mines, and the State Division of Mines and Minerals have done  
21 and are doing excellent work within their means and structure; and

22 WHEREAS, because of the comprehensive volume of new research  
23 essential in the mineral industry, all federal, state and private  
24 agencies must increase their scope of activities; and

25 WHEREAS, Alaska is many miles removed from headquarters  
26 offices and major research laboratories of such agencies as the  
27 U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Mines; and

28 WHEREAS, a major research facility located in Alaska and  
29 operating under the general plan of "operation research" will

HJR #27 as am  
by the Senate

-1-

1 make for better co-ordination and faster results of mineral  
2 research activities as each of the agencies concentrates its  
3 efforts in its specialized fields; and

4 WHEREAS, the U. S. Government has shown a growing trend to  
5 support higher education and research through such agencies as  
6 the National Science Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, research flourishes more in the atmosphere of a  
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, the University of Alaska, College campus is well  
10 established and centrally located geographically in the state;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully  
12 urged to take the steps necessary for the establishment of a  
13 mineral research laboratory on the campus of the University of  
14 Alaska which can be appropriately and beneficially used by the  
15 federal government and other interested agencies; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
17 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;  
18 the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable  
19 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable  
20 Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Jerome  
21 B. Wiesner, President's Scientific Advisor and Director of the  
22 Office of Science and Technology; the Honorable Marling J. Ankeny,  
23 Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines; the Honorable Thomas Nolan,  
24 Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Honorable Edward P.  
25 Cliff, Chief Forester; the Honorable Burke Riley, Chairman,  
26 Alaska Field Committee of the Department of Interior; and the  
27 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

28  
29

HJR #27 as am  
by the Senate