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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the recognition of the
6 services to Alaska of George H.
7 Lehleitner during the Centennial
8 Year.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

10 WHEREAS the observance of the centennial of the Alaska
11 Purchase includes recognition of persons and events vitally
12 affecting Alaskan history; and

13 WHEREAS in 1955 a citizen of the State of Louisiana came to
14 Alaska at his own expense to lend support to the efforts of the
15 Territorial Legislature and the Constitutional Convention to pre-
16 pare Alaska for statehood; and

17 WHEREAS George H. Lehleitner actively urged the 1955 Terri-
18 torial Legislature to call a constitutional convention so that
19 Congress would be convinced that the people of Alaska wanted and
20 were sufficiently politically mature for statehood; and

21 WHEREAS with the convening of the Alaska Constitutional
22 Convention of 1955-56, George Lehleitner appeared before and
23 worked at the convention for the adoption of what resulted in
24 the Alaska-Tennessee Plan whereby Alaska would send a "representa-
25 tive" and two "senators" to the Congress to work as a team with
26 the Alaska Delegate to press for the passage of the statehood
27 Act; and

28 WHEREAS it is well established that the drafting and adopting
29 of a state constitution and the full implementation of the Alaska-

1 Tennessee Plan in 1955-1957 were the decisive elements in the
2 victorious struggle in Congress for statehood in 1958;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested
4 to make arrangements with the Alaska Purchase Centennial Com-
5 mission for setting aside one day during the 1967 centennial
6 observances as "George H. Lehleitner Day" recognizing this great
7 friend of Alaska as father of the Alaska-Tennessee Plan which
8 did so much to make the dream of statehood for Alaska a reality.

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