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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the purchase by the
6 state of the Judge Wickersham House.

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

8 WHEREAS House Resolution No. 3, Fifth Legislature, First Session, takes
9 cognizance of Alaska's vanishing historical sites; and

10 WHEREAS the Dr. Will Chase collection in Cordova was lost by fire, the
11 Pullen collection of Skagway and the Erakine collection of Kodiak were lost
12 by indifference to purchase by interests outside Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the Duncan cottage in Metlakatla is slowly disintegrating
14 because of indifference, pilferage and ignorance of its historical value; and

15 WHEREAS the Judge Wickersham collection of diaries, correspondence,
16 photographs and other irreplaceable Alaskana in Juneau is in imminent
17 danger of sale to interests outside Alaska;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to instruct
19 the Alaska State Council on the Arts to prepare immediately a survey regard-
20 ing the cost of acquiring the Wickersham House and its historical contents;
21 and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that this report include the cost of restoration,
23 fireproofing, air conditioning, and other matters pertaining to the prepara-
24 tion of the Judge Wickersham House and collection for public enjoyment and
25 instruction; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report be submitted to the Governor and to the
27 Fifth Legislature, First Session, which shall include the cost of hiring
28 maintenance personnel, an archivist or similarly qualified person to program
29 different portions of the collection for exhibition on a rotating basis;

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1 and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this matter be declared an emergency consideration
3 of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

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