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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the Department of Economic
6 Development to pay the salary of Edward
7 C. Nixon to enable him to re-accept the
8 position of Chairman of the Federal
9 Field Committee for Development Plan-
10 ning in Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS on April 4, Edward C. Nixon was appointed to succeed Joseph H.
13 Fitzgerald in the most influential federal post in the State of Alaska, that
14 of Chairman of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in
15 Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS Edward Nixon is the right man for the position because he has
17 the requisite training, experience and expertise, because his appointment was
18 met with an enthusiastic response by the other members of the committee, and
19 above all, because he has a tremendous interest in the people and the land of
20 Alaska and in the challenge of the position; and

21 WHEREAS Edward Nixon, however, declined the appointment several days
22 after he received it because of the existence of an obscure conflict of
23 interest law, passed as a rider on a complex financial bill, which prohibits
24 a federal official from appointing a relative to a job in an agency which
25 that official controls or in which he serves; and

26 WHEREAS this same law provides as a sanction, if a person is appointed
27 in violation of it, that the person may not receive his salary or be paid any
28 money from the United States Treasury; and

29 WHEREAS, due to the importance of the chairmanship position to the state

1 and the necessity of having the best man possible to fill the job, Nixon
2 being that man, the state should offer to pay his salary if he would re-
3 accept the position;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct the Department
5 of Economic Development to offer to pay Edward C. Nixon's salary as Chairman
6 of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska so that
7 Alaska can benefit from having the most qualified person possible in this
8 vital post.

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