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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the acceptance of Bridget  
6 Smith at the Catholic University  
7 of America.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS Alaska faces many problems which need to be solved by skilled  
10 and educated people; and

11 WHEREAS as Alaska has limited college graduate level programs available  
12 it would be helpful to the people of the state if colleges and universities  
13 in other parts of the country would allow qualified Alaska students to  
14 enroll in their graduate programs; and

15 WHEREAS a qualified Alaska student by the name of Bridget Smith has  
16 applied for admittance to the Catholic University of America graduate school  
17 of psychology and been rejected for reasons unknown; and

18 WHEREAS Bridget's mother and father were both graduates of the Catholic  
19 University of America and her sister has been accepted in an undergraduate  
20 program, thus providing Bridget with an unequalled personal desire to attend  
21 this particular institution; and

22 WHEREAS her application is and has been for some time under reconsidera-  
23 tion by the admissions office of the university at the urging of many  
24 prominent Alaskans, including Governor William A. Egan, Senators Ted Stevens  
25 and Mike Gravel, and no communication has been received as of this date from  
26 the university; and

27 WHEREAS, because of the time factor involved, it is now too late for  
28 one to apply and be admitted to any reputable institution of higher education  
29 for the fall semester;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Senate that it lends its support to the  
2 application of Bridget Smith to the Catholic University of America and urges  
3 that she be accepted as a full-time graduate student in psychology and  
4 further states and avers that she is a young Alaskan eminently qualified,  
5 both academically and in every other way, and that to deny her admission at  
6 this time would be to perpetrate a tragic disservice upon the university,  
7 upon Bridget, and upon the people of the State of Alaska.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Clarence C. Walton,  
9 President, The Catholic University of America; and to Mr. Raymond J. Steimel,  
10 Dean of Admissions, The Catholic University of America.

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