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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to press coverage of legisla-
6 tive proceedings.

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

8 WHEREAS the affairs of the Alaska State Legislature are of the highest
9 interest and importance to state residents; and

10 WHEREAS the workings of the legislature are conducted in an area of
11 limited accessibility to the citizens of the state; and

12 WHEREAS the press media are the only viable means of ensuring adequate
13 public knowledge of legislative proceedings; and

14 WHEREAS the news media have in the past failed to provide the public with
15 adequate coverage of legislative proceedings; and

16 WHEREAS the press, including the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, the
17 Anchorage Daily Times, Golden North Broadcasting and the Midnight Sun Network,
18 has an obligation to the people of the state to provide them with adequate
19 information regarding the conduct of legislative affairs; and

20 WHEREAS the failure to do so is an unjustifiable abdication of that
21 obligation;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the news media of Alaska
23 are hereby strongly urged to improve and expand their coverage of legislative
24 proceedings; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anchorage Daily News and the Associated Press
26 are commended for their conscientious attention to legislative affairs.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the above-named press media.
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