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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation and restora-  
6 tion of the Bishop's House associated with  
7 the Church of the Holy Ascension on  
8 Unalaska Island.

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

10 WHEREAS it is the policy of the state to preserve and protect the  
11 historic resources of Alaska from loss and destruction so that the historic  
12 and cultural heritage embodied in these resources may pass undiminished to  
13 future generations; and

14 WHEREAS the Russian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ascension on Unalaska  
15 Island was built in 1825-26 by Father Ivan Veniaminov and is a nationally  
16 recognized historic landmark and is listed in the National Register of  
17 Historic Places; and

18 WHEREAS the state division of parks has obtained \$3,700 in 50 per cent  
19 federal matching funds for the preservation and restoration of the Church of  
20 the Holy Ascension; and

21 WHEREAS the Bishop's House at Unalaska is adjacent to the Church of the  
22 Holy Ascension, having served as its rectory even before the purchase of  
23 Alaska from Russia; and

24 WHEREAS the Bishop's House is itself an historic structure and an  
25 example of Russian colonial architecture which is in dire need of preserva-  
26 tion and restoration; and

27 WHEREAS the preservation of the Church of the Holy Ascension and the  
28 Bishop's House should be undertaken simultaneously because of the significant  
29 functional relationship between these historic structures;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
2 respectfully requested to direct the division of parks to request the National  
3 Park Service to extend the 1976 grant for the preservation and restoration of  
4 the Church of the Holy Ascension on Unalaska Island to include preservation  
5 and restoration of the Bishop's House.

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