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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Alaska Telecommunications Day.

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

7 WHEREAS the subject of telecommunications is of vital concern to all
8 Alaskans and is of primary importance to the state's commerce and economic
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS the state and private industry are bringing satellite communica-
11 tions -- both telephone and television -- to residents of isolated rural
12 areas which have never before had reliable communications; and

13 WHEREAS providing effective health care to rural areas requires depend-
14 able communications with hospitals and physicians and such communications are
15 now being provided in some areas of Alaska via satellite; and

16 WHEREAS providing telecommunications to the 49th state presents unique
17 problems because of vast distance and hostile terrain; and

18 WHEREAS issues vital to all Alaskans are pending before the Federal
19 Communications Commission, including the equitable resolution of complex
20 questions involving rate separations and integration as well as satellite
21 and earth station use and licensing; and

22 WHEREAS the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, the Alaska Telephone
23 Association, the Governor's Office of Telecommunications and RCA Alaska
24 Communications, Inc., are sponsoring an Alaska Telecommunications Day in
25 Washington, D.C. on February 24 in conjunction with the celebration of Alaska
26 Day;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature heartily commends
28 Alaska Telecommunications Day to the attention of the Federal Communication
29 Commission, the United States Congress, and representatives of private

1 industry, urging full participation in the activities planned for that day by
2 the sponsors.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard Wiley,
4 Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Mr. Walter R. Hinchman, Chief,
5 Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; to the Honorable
6 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
7 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress,
8 and to the sponsors of the Alaska Telecommunications Day.