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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the designation of "America the
6 Beautiful" as the national anthem.

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

8 Less than a half century ago Congress chose as the national anthem an
9 English drinking song which when combined with the words of Francis Scott Key
10 was styled "The Star Spangled Banner". The words describe the clamor of
11 war - the War of 1812, and the foe of that day has been our staunch ally for
12 150 years. The tune is universally recognized as almost unsingable for the
13 average citizen.

14 The Alaska State Legislature wishes to commend to the attention of
15 Congress the availability of a traditional tune which is well-loved by the
16 people, is eminently singable, and in melody and words reflects the condition
17 and goals of the American people:

18 "O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
19 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
20 America, America, God shed his grace on thee
21 And crown thy good with brotherhood
22 From sea to shining sea."

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is ear-
24 nestly and respectfully requested to take the necessary action to make
25 "America the Beautiful" the national anthem of the United States of America.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the presiding officers of the
27 U.S. Senate and U.S. House for referral to the appropriate committees.

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