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1 IN THE SENATE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41 am H

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Honoring the Sisters of Providence.

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

7 WHEREAS the Sisters of Providence have for 75 years selflessly cared for
8 the sick and injured, generously fed and clothed the needy and diligently
9 instructed the young in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the Sisters of Providence have proved their tenacious pioneering
11 spirit, starting with a 6,500 mile journey from Montreal to Nome in 1902 and
12 reaffirmed in their travels by dog sled, wagon and on foot to care for the
13 sick and injured in the Alaskan bush, undaunted by hardships and brushes with
14 death; and

15 WHEREAS the Sisters of Providence have been in the forefront in caring
16 for people through major calamities such as the 1905 fire and the 1913 flood
17 in Nome, the 1920 influenza epidemic in Fairbanks, and the 1964 earthquake
18 in Anchorage; and

19 WHEREAS the Sisters of Providence have for 75 years provided quality
20 health care to Alaskan patients in Holy Cross Hospital in Nome (1902-1918),
21 St. Joseph Hospital in Fairbanks (1910-1969), and Providence Hospital in
22 Anchorage (1939-Present);

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature honors the Sisters of
24 Providence for their dedication to all people in times of adversity and
25 extends its appreciation to the Sisters for their incalculable service to the
26 people of Alaska.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Al Comosso, Administrator
28 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage; The Most Reverend Francis T. Hurley,
29 Archbishop of Anchorage; The Most Reverend Robert L. Whelan, S.J., Bishop

1 of the Diocese of Fairbanks; Sister Louise Gleason, Chairman of the Board;
2 and Philius Denis, President of the Sisters of Providence Corporation in
3 Seattle.

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