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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging a continuing commitment by  
6 the federal government for the  
7 support and encouragement of the  
8 arts.

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

10 WHEREAS the arts are important to the quality of the life of every  
11 American, to the cultural environment of each of our communities, to the  
12 vitality of our cities, and to the preservation and enrichment of American  
13 culture; and

14 WHEREAS the decade of the seventies was a decade of increased awareness  
15 of the significant role which the arts play in our daily lives, an awareness  
16 stimulated in great measure by the recognition and support provided by the  
17 federal government; and

18 WHEREAS support for the arts necessarily assists economic growth, by  
19 providing opportunities for those who work in the arts and jobs for those  
20 employed in activities which support the arts and which serve patrons of the  
21 arts; and

22 WHEREAS the contributions and commitment of the federal government have  
23 generated renewed support for the arts in American life from the private  
24 sector, and have increased the interest and enthusiasm of Americans as to  
25 the cultural diversity of the nation; and

26 WHEREAS government support of the arts pays a dividend greater than  
27 many other public expenditures in creating a personal interest and a shared  
28 awareness among people of a community of the value and quality of life; and

29 WHEREAS the critical support provided by the federal government has

1 been the keystone in the bridges which have been built to increase public  
2 interest in the arts, and the catalyst for private contributions to the  
3 arts; and

4 WHEREAS there is no better time than at the start of a decade of prog-  
5 ress, at a time when all people are concerned about our future, for the  
6 federal government to recommit itself to the support of the arts;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that President Reagan,  
8 for himself and for the officials of his administration, reaffirm the  
9 commitment of the federal government to the preservation and the enhancement  
10 of the arts across the nation.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
12 President of the United States; the Honorable Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.,  
13 Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts; and to the Honorable Ted  
14 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable  
15 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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