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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to equal federal income
6 taxation of married persons.

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

8 WHEREAS it is in the national interest to encourage the creation of
9 stable families; and

10 WHEREAS stable families are generally based on married couples; and

11 WHEREAS the current federal income tax structure is in many cases a
12 disincentive to marriage and an incentive to divorce; and

13 WHEREAS married individuals filing either separate returns or joint
14 returns are taxed at a higher rate than unmarried individuals under section 1
15 of the current Internal Revenue Code; and

16 WHEREAS there is no public policy served by taxing married couples more
17 heavily than their single counterparts;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
19 the President and Congress to continue their efforts toward an equitable and
20 fiscally sound revision of the federal income tax structure so that marriage
21 will no longer trigger higher income taxes.

22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
23 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
24 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
25 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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