

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Calling for erection of a suitable

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monument to honor Aleut people who were

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evacuated from their homes during World

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War II, on the site presently occupied

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by "Nimbus".

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

11 WHEREAS more than 800 Aleut people were forcibly evacuated from their
12 homes in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS the displaced Aleut people were removed to resettlement cen-
14 ters in Southeast Alaska and elsewhere and housed under unsanitary and
15 unsuitable conditions; and

16 WHEREAS many of the displaced Aleut people died during the time they
17 were away from their homes as the direct result of the conditions under
18 which they were forced to live; and

19 WHEREAS when the surviving Aleut people were finally able to return to
20 their homes they found that the homes had been vandalized and looted by
21 United States soldiers; and

22 WHEREAS no proper recognition has ever been accorded the tragic cir-
23 cumstances of the displaced Aleut people, who are deserving of that recog-
24 nition; and

25 WHEREAS a memorial to honor these persons would be appropriately
26 visible to the public if placed by the State Court and Office Building in
27 Juneau, Alaska; and

28 WHEREAS the sculpture "Nimbus", currently located on the grounds of
29 the State Court and Office Building in Juneau, could be located elsewhere;

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2 WHEREAS moving the sculpture "Nimbus" and constructing a memorial to
3 the evacuated Aleut people could be financed through public contributions;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the sculpture
5 "Nimbus" should be removed from the grounds of the State Court and Office
6 Building in Juneau and be replaced with a suitable memorial honoring those
7 Aleut persons who were evacuated from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands
8 during World War II; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that this project be financed through public contri-
10 butions.