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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a legislative hall for the

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legislature.

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

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WHEREAS art. III, sec. 22, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska

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provides that

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"All executive and administrative . . . functions, powers,

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and duties shall be allocated by law among and within (the)

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principal departments . . ."; and

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WHEREAS art. II, sec. 1, of the constitution grants to the legislature

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the power of the enactment of law, subject only to the veto of a bill by

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the governor; and

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WHEREAS the legislature has enacted into law a requirement that no

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contract or lease which provides for a payment in excess of \$12,000 annual-

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ly is valid unless approved by the legislature by concurrent resolution

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(AS 37.05.280); and

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WHEREAS plans are now underway by the City and Borough of Juneau to

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finance and construct a legislative hall to house the legislature of the

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State of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS it appears to be the intention of the City and Borough of

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Juneau to enter into a long-term lease of the legislative hall with the

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state; and

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WHEREAS the legislature has not in any manner given its approval to

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these plans; and

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WHEREAS an executive branch which determines the seat of the legisla-

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ture, without the approval of the legislature, disregards the doctrine of

1 the separation of powers and violates the spirit of comity between the  
2 branches of government;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the legislature  
4 requests the Governor of the State of Alaska, the Honorable Bill Sheffield,  
5 as well as the City and Borough of Juneau to cease and desist from any plan  
6 for the construction of a new legislative hall in Juneau or at any other  
7 location within the state without having received the express direction of  
8 the Legislature of the State of Alaska.