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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Urging the United States Congress

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to propose to the people of the

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United States an amendment to the

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Constitution of the United States,

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or to call a convention for the

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purpose of adopting the "Liberty

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Amendment".

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

13 WHEREAS an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, common-
14 ly known as the "Liberty Amendment", has been before several sessions of
15 Congress and undoubtedly will be before the current session of Congress
16 also; and

17 WHEREAS the text of the proposed Liberty Amendment reads:

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"Article __

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Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage
20 in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial
21 enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

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Section 2. The Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of
23 the United States shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or
24 domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment.

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Section 3. The activities of the United States Government which
26 violate the intent and purposes of this amendment shall, within a
27 period of three (3) years from the date of ratification of this amend-
28 ment, be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall
29 be sold.

1 Section 4. Three (3) years after the ratification of this amend-
2 ment, the sixteenth Article of amendments to the Constitution of the
3 United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not
4 levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts."; and

5 WHEREAS adoption of the "Liberty Amendment" would reduce the national
6 debt and the annual spending by the federal government, and the revenues
7 from excise taxes on goods, services, and corporate incomes would be great-
8 ly increased, all to the effect of cancelling the need for any revenue from
9 personal income, estate, or gift taxes;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
11 requests the Congress of the United States to propose to the people the
12 "Liberty Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States or in the
13 alternative to call a convention for that purpose as provided for in Arti-
14 cle V of the Constitution of the United States.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Strom
16 Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable
17 Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the United States House of Representa-
18 tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
19 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members
20 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.