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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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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 the proposal by Congress of

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a school prayer amendment to the United

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States Constitution.

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

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WHEREAS the people of the State of Alaska wish to have Congress submit  
10 to the states for their consideration an amendment to the federal  
11 constitution allowing voluntary vocal prayer in public schools; and

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WHEREAS voluntary vocal prayer is an expression of religious convic-  
13 tion protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;  
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WHEREAS court rulings have had the effect of prohibiting the exercise  
16 of voluntary vocal prayer in public schools; and

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WHEREAS an amendment to the United States Constitution allowing volun-  
18 tary vocal prayer in public schools will have the effect of returning the  
19 federal government to a position of neutrality on this issue; and

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WHEREAS such an amendment would remove any doubt as to the right to  
21 have voluntary vocal prayer in public schools;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is  
23 respectfully urged to pass and submit to the states an amendment to the  
24 United States Constitution allowing voluntary vocal prayer in public  
25 schools.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
27 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-  
28 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-  
29 able Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;

1 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
2 Senators, and to the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
3 the Alaska delegation in Congress.