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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing the addition of a preamble
6 relating to ethics to the Uniform Rules
7 of the Alaska State Legislature.

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

9 * Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are
10 amended by adding a preamble to read:

11 P R E A M B L E

12 A public officer is charged with responsible conduct commensurate with
13 the trust placed in the officer by the electorate. With that trust high
14 moral and ethical standards produce public confidence in the official and
15 in government. The Alaska State Legislature consists of people who work
16 part time and necessarily earn their living in other endeavors. The geo-
17 graphy of Alaska and its sparse population create unique problems in travel
18 necessary to properly represent the people of the state. It is necessary
19 to reconcile the maintenance of high ethical standards with the avoidance
20 of controls which may be so stringent they discourage capable and honest
21 persons from serving as members of the legislature.

22 Every legislator will endeavor conscientiously to pursue the highest
23 standards of legislative conduct and, by personal example maintain the
24 integrity and responsibility of office.