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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 (Rules) am
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. High moral and ethical
14 standards produce public confidence in the official and in government. The
15 Alaska State Legislature consists of people who serve part time and neces-
16 sarily earn their living in other endeavors. The geography of Alaska and
17 its sparse population create unique problems in travel necessary to
18 properly represent the people of the state. It is necessary to reconcile
19 the maintenance of high ethical standards with the avoidance of controls
20 which may be so stringent they discourage capable and honest persons from
21 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.