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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to Alaska Senior Legislature.

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

7 WHEREAS Alaska's elder citizens represent a valuable source of infor-  
8 mation and guidance in the formulation of public policy; and

9 WHEREAS older persons may experience serious economic difficulties due  
10 to the effects of inflation on limited retirement incomes; and

11 WHEREAS the legislature each session attempts to address these prob-  
12 lems with the introduction of a wide variety of proposals aimed at specific  
13 aging issues; and

14 WHEREAS the state is in a period of diminishing public resources that  
15 increasingly limits the state's ability to adequately respond to all of the  
16 diverse needs of the elderly; and

17 WHEREAS these circumstances require that priorities be set regarding  
18 which aging programs and services are most vital to establish or maintain;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS older persons, aware of the state's economic condition and  
21 knowledgeable about their own situation, deserve the opportunity to speak  
22 with a unified voice to the legislature in setting priorities; and

23 WHEREAS the Senior Legislature as a model legislative session has  
24 proven successful in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and  
25 California; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Senior Legislature will offer older state residents  
27 the forum for setting their legislative priorities;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Older Alaskans  
29 Commission is requested to call a 1987 Alaska Senior Legislature to be

1 comprised of persons elected as delegates from all areas of the state to  
2 represent their peers in a model legislative session in the State Capitol;  
3 the delegates shall propose and debate legislation that affects the lives  
4 of elder Alaskans and select, among the bills passed, the legislation that  
5 is of the greatest priority to them; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the proceedings of the 1987 Alaska  
7 Senior Legislature be presented to the legislature by the 30th day of the  
8 Second Session of the Fifteenth Legislature; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the legislature considers it worthwhile, the  
10 event shall be conducted annually; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission is requested to  
12 develop recommendations for the Fifteenth Legislature regarding legislation  
13 needed to empower the commission to collect private funds for sustaining  
14 the program without state appropriations.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Older Alaskans Commis-  
16 sion and to all parties and agencies that are directly affected by this  
17 resolution.