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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to making Hellen Keller's

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birthday a national holiday.

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

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WHEREAS Hellen Keller was born on June 27, in Tuscumbia, Alabama; and

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WHEREAS at the age of 19 months she suffered an illness that left her

10 blind and deaf; and

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WHEREAS as a result of being blind and deaf she was also unable to

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speak; and

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WHEREAS through extraordinary courage and determination, along with

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the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan, she learned to overcome her disa-

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bilities and to speak at the age of seven; and

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WHEREAS Hellen Keller obtained a degree with honors from Radcliffe

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College, mastered several languages, and spent most of her life working for

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the relief of individuals with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS the life of Hellen Keller stands as an example of human

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strength, spirit, and resourcefulness of the finest caliber;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is re-

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spectfully requested to make Hellen Keller's birthday, June 27, a national

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holiday.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,

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Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the

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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-

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tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,

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U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of

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the Alaska delegation in Congress.