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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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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 the bicentenary of the

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United States Constitution.

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

8 WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the oldest written
9 frame of government that has been in continuous use by a free people on
10 earth; and

11 WHEREAS government under the Constitution in America has provided an
12 example of self-government that has inspired a yearning for freedom all
13 over the world; and

14 WHEREAS the bicentenary of the Constitution in 1987 is also the 211th
15 year of the independence of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS the State of Alaska proudly takes its place among the Union of
17 States under the Constitution; and

18 WHEREAS in anticipation of the 200th anniversary of the American
19 Constitution, we should take the opportunity to celebrate our freedom and
20 to reflect on the frame of government that makes it possible; and

21 WHEREAS the Constitution is often cited, less often read, and too
22 often taken for granted by citizens who owe their place in a free govern-
23 ment to its wise dispositions; and

24 WHEREAS this anniversary offers us a splendid opportunity to examine
25 and strengthen the foundations of our democratic republic by encouraging
26 public discussion and observance of the Constitution in our cities and
27 villages, in our schools and universities;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the Governor to appoint a commission to commemorate the bicentenary of the

1 Constitution of the United States of America; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the year 1987 shall be proclaimed the Year of
3 the Constitution of the United States of America, to be commemorated by
4 appropriate public observances for citizens throughout the state.