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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting the State Board of Education

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to require the study of Alaska history

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and government in Alaska schools.

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

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WHEREAS knowledge of American history and government is fundamental to
10 informed and effective participation by citizens in the affairs of the
11 nation; and

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WHEREAS in recognition of this, boards of education throughout the
13 United States have made the study of American history and government a
14 requirement for high school graduation; and

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WHEREAS knowledge of one's own state's history and government is
16 fundamental to informed and effective participation in state and local
17 affairs; and

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WHEREAS in a 1987 survey, 33 percent of Alaska's high school seniors
19 reported no school instruction in Alaska history; and

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WHEREAS the State Board of Education has the authority to establish
21 graduation requirements for all school districts and has adopted general
22 requirements;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the State Board of Education to adopt regulations requiring at least one
25 unit of credit in the study of Alaska history and government for graduation
26 from high school.

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A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Barney Gottstein, president
28 of the State Board of Education.