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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to a statue of former Governor

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William A. Egan.

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

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan dedicated his life to serving
9 Alaska and its people, and in the process achieved a record unmatched by
10 any other Alaskan; and

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan was a member of the Alaska
12 Territorial House of Representatives from 1941 to 1943 and authored a
13 statehood referendum bill in 1941; and

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan served in the United States
15 Army from 1943 to 1946; and

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan was the mayor of Valdez in
17 1946, the speaker of the Alaska Territorial House of Representatives in
18 1951, an Alaska territorial senator from 1953 to 1956, a delegate to and
19 president of the Alaska Constitutional Convention from 1955 to 1956, and a
20 Tennessee-plan United States senator from Alaska from 1956 to 1958; and

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan served three terms as Governor
22 of Alaska, was chosen Alaskan of the Year in 1971, and received an honorary
23 LL.D. from the University of Alaska in 1972; and

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WHEREAS former Governor William A. Egan died May 6, 1984, leaving
25 behind a legacy of high standards and excellence in public service, com-
26 bined with the humanity and humility of the true public servant; and

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WHEREAS the central location formerly occupied by the sculpture Nimbus
28 in the state's capital would make a fitting location for a monument to this
29 great Alaskan statesman;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recommends that a
2 full standing; statue of former Governor William A. Egan be commissioned and
3 placed in the courtyard location formerly occupied by Nimbus; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recommends that
5 private money be accepted to help finance the construction and placement of
6 this fitting memorial to former Governor William A. Egan, and that the
7 memorial be titled "Bill Egan, the Father of our State"; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recommends that the
9 Alaska Historical Commission be used to implement this project.