

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 (JUDICIARY)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/8/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES M.A.MILLER, Koponen, Leman, Zawacki, Navarre, Gonzales, Taylor, Baker, R.Phillips, B.Davis, Choquette, Hanley, Gruenberg, G.Phillips, Parnell

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming 1991 to be the Bill of Rights Bicentennial year in Alaska.

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

3 WHEREAS 1991 is the bicentennial of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, the first ten
4 amendments to the United States Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS Alaskans and Americans recognize that, because of the Bill of Rights, the rights,
6 however unpopular, of individuals, including minorities, are and have been protected for 200 years; and

7 WHEREAS, as the founders of this great nation laid down for all time in the Declaration of
8 Independence that all people are "created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain
9 unalienable rights," the principles outlined in the Bill of Rights do not pertain only to Americans but
10 should be rights inherent to all people in the world; and

11 WHEREAS the tremendous changes that have taken place around the globe in recent years have
12 stirred the hearts and souls of men and women everywhere yearning for freedom; and

13 WHEREAS the world looks to the United States to light the Torch of Liberty and to lead by
14 example in the path of true representative democracy; and

15 WHEREAS people in so many countries have recently thrown off the yoke of tyranny and
16 dictatorship and now are seeking to understand how government of, by, and for the people can indeed
17 ensure the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

1 **WHEREAS** Alaskans and Americans stand eternally grateful to our forebears who struggled,
2 fought, and died that we might have these rights, and that it is, therefore, fitting that we should regularly
3 pause and ponder these rights and, to the extent that we are able, strive to fulfill the duties that
4 accompany them;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims 1991 to be the Bill of Rights
6 Bicentennial in the State of Alaska and asks all citizens to join in commemoration of the Bill of Rights;
7 and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is requested to direct the Commissioner of Education
9 to request all school principals to devote at least one hour to the rededication and reinforcement of the
10 principles embodied in the Bill of Rights in all public schools in the state during the month of December
11 1991 which shall be declared Bill of Rights Month in celebration of this bicentennial.