

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62 (STATE AFFAIRS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/13/92

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting Guam in its quest for commonwealth status.

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

**3 WHEREAS the United States is recognized as the world leader in stimulating the pursuit of
4 global democracy; and**

**5 WHEREAS the United States supports the extension of self-determination to all peoples,
6 especially to those in territories under its jurisdiction; and**

**7 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports the search by each territory governed by the
8 United States for the political standing best suited to its people; and**

**9 WHEREAS the citizens of the Territory of Alaska fought long and hard for their own self-
10 determination within the United States and eventually achieved it in 1959 with statehood; and**

**11 WHEREAS Alaskans recognize and identify with the desire of the people of Guam to determine
12 their own political, social, and economic future; and**

**13 WHEREAS the Territory of Guam is attempting to establish a just political relationship between
14 the people of Guam and the United States and is trying to allow its people to participate in this attempt;
15 and**

**16 WHEREAS the Guam Territorial Legislature has obtained introduction of the Commonwealth
17 Act of Guam in the United States Congress that would accord the Territory commonwealth status; and**

1 **WHEREAS** there is growing support for providing commonwealth status for Guam, as evidenced
2 by the policy statements and resolutions of various national groups, including members of Congress and
3 the current administration, the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State
4 Legislatures, the Western Legislative Conference, and the United States Conference of Mayors; and

5 **WHEREAS** the people of Guam are citizens of the United States and should be given all the
6 rights afforded citizens in the United States Constitution;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the people of Guam's efforts to
8 achieve commonwealth status and a just and permanent relationship with the United States; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States government
10 to allow the people of Guam to determine their own political, social and economic future while retaining
11 the protection of the U.S. Constitution.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
13 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
14 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George
15 J. Mitchell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the Senate
16 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable George Miller, Chair of the House
17 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable James A. Baker, III, Secretary of State; the
18 Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Joe T. San Augustin, Speaker of
19 the Twenty-First Guam Unicameral Legislature; the Honorable Joseph F. Ada, Governor of Guam and
20 Chair of the Guam Commission of Self-Determination; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
21 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
22 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.