

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

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**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging Congress to grant statehood to the District of Columbia.**

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

3       **WHEREAS** there are over 650,000 citizens of the District of Columbia who are precluded from  
4 full participation in national affairs because, lacking statehood, the district has no voting representative  
5 in the Congress; and

6       **WHEREAS** these citizens are also denied the freedom to control their local affairs because the  
7 Congress has retained oversight, even for daily functions such as garbage collection schedules as well  
8 as for the district's budget and court system; and

9       **WHEREAS** lack of statehood harms the district fiscally because special federal taxing restrictions  
10 prohibit the district from taxing approximately 60 percent of its work force; and

11       **WHEREAS** it is an ironic injustice that the residents of the world's center of democracy must  
12 live with these constraints at a time when people around the world are gaining autonomy and political  
13 recognition of their rights to be free, and the United States has expressed its commitment to self-  
14 determination in other nations, such as Kuwait; and

15       **WHEREAS** H.R. 2482 and S. 2023 would admit the district as New Columbia, the 51st state;  
16 and

17       **WHEREAS** the addition of two senators and a representative from New Columbia would benefit

1 not only its residents but would also assist in advancing the cause of working people, women, and  
2 democracy everywhere; and

3       **WHEREAS** Congressional support for statehood for Washington, D.C., has increased  
4 significantly in the past year, due in large measure to the efforts of Senator Jesse Jackson and the  
5 National Rainbow Coalition;

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Congress to pass  
7 H.R. 2482 or S. 2023 in order to provide statehood for the District of Columbia.

8       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the  
9 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore  
10 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
11 Honorable Jim Sasser, U.S. Senator, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on General Services, Federalism,  
12 and the District of Columbia; the Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Paul  
13 Simon, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Representative; and the Honorable  
14 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
15 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.