

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR KERTTULA

Introduced: 1/22/91
Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to approve the state's application for funds to establish and
2 maintain a state veterans home.

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

4 WHEREAS, under the Veterans Health Services and Research Administration State Home
5 Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs, funds are available to help states establish state veterans
6 homes; and

7 WHEREAS priority under the federal program is granted to states that have not previously
8 received a veterans home grant and have high unmet needs for care of veterans; and

9 WHEREAS a large number of veterans reside in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS there is no state veterans home to meet the needs of these veterans;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs to accord the highest priority to Alaska's request for a grant to establish a veterans home in the
13 state and to expeditiously approve future requests to pay per diem rates for care of veterans in the state
14 home.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Thomas T. Yoshikawa, M.D., Assistant Chief Medical
16 Director; F. Brent Baker, Chief of the State Home Construction Grant Program; L. Nan Stout, Chief of

1 the State Home Per Diem Grant Program; Marsha E. Goodwin, Director of Geriatrics and Grants
2 Management Service, in the Veterans Health Services and Research Administration in the Department
3 of Veterans Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
4 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
5 Congress.