

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the appointment of an Alaskan to fill the upcoming vacancy on the United
2 States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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

4 WHEREAS the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has jurisdiction over cases
5 brought in the federal courts of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon,
6 Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariannas; and

7 WHEREAS Chief Judge Alfred Goodwin of the Ninth Circuit intends to take senior status on
8 January 31, 1991; and

9 WHEREAS Chief Judge Goodwin's assumption of senior status will result in a vacancy on the
10 Ninth Circuit; and

11 WHEREAS the President of the United States is responsible for appointing judges to the Ninth
12 Circuit, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska is represented on the Ninth Circuit by only one judge in senior status, Senior
14 Judge Robert Boochever; and

15 WHEREAS Senior Judge Boochever is the only Alaskan who has been appointed to the Ninth
16 Circuit in the 32 years since Alaska became a state; and

1 **WHEREAS** Alaska is one of the fastest growing states in the Ninth Circuit; and

2 **WHEREAS** Alaska has much to offer the Ninth Circuit, including a wealth of legal and judicial
3 talent; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Ninth Circuit should represent the diverse interests of the states which bring
5 cases to the Ninth Circuit bench;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests President George
7 Bush to appoint an Alaskan to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to fill the
8 vacancy that will result from Chief Judge Goodwin's assumption of senior status.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
10 States; to the Honorable Richard Thornburgh, Attorney General of the United States; and to the
11 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
12 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.