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## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/18/12

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Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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IN TO OFFICE: 2/9/12

**State Affairs Committee** considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

### SCR 18-RAOUL WALLENBERG REMEMBRANCE DAY

Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day.

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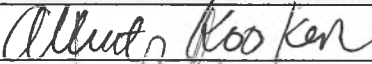

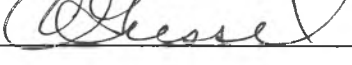

- be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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| CED        | LAW |
| COR        | LWF |
| CRT        | MVA |
| EED        | DNR |
| DEC        | DPS |
| DFG        | REV |
| GOV        | DOT |
| DHS        | UA  |

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

| SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:  | PRINTED LAST NAME | DO PASS | DO NOT PASS | NO REC | AMEND |
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|         | KOOKESH           | ✓       |             |        |       |
|         | FASKUN            | X       |             |        |       |
|         | GIESSEL           | X       |             |        |       |
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| CHAIR:  | Lielechowski      | X       |             |        |       |

## **SCR 18**

**Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day**

### **SENATE STATE AFFAIRS**

Senator Wielechowski, Chair  
Senator Paskvan, Vice-Chair



## SENATOR FRED DYSON

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### SCR 18

#### **A Resolution Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day**

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day in commemoration of the extraordinary life and sacrifice of this Swedish diplomat, credited with saving more than 100,000 Jews during the Holocaust, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

Raoul Wallenberg was born August 4, 1912 in Sweden. His father, Raoul Wallenberg Sr., was an officer in the Swedish Navy, and grandfather Gustav Wallenberg was the Swedish Ambassador to Japan. Raoul Wallenberg attended college in the United States, graduating from the University of Michigan in 1935 with a baccalaureate degree in Architectural Design.

In 1939 Wallenberg's business dealings brought him to Hungary, where he began to know the Hungarian Jewish community and became increasingly concerned with the fate of Europe's Jewish communities who were beginning to fall prey to Hitler's advance across Europe. In 1944 during WWII, United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull requested the cooperation of Sweden, a neutral nation, in protecting the lives of 750,000 Hungarian Jews facing extermination at the hands of the Nazis. Raoul Wallenberg agreed to the request, and went to Hungary to protect Jews and victims of the Nazis under his official profession as a Swedish diplomat.

With extraordinary courage and with total disregard for the constant danger to himself, this young diplomat out-dueled Nazi Lieutenant Colonel Adolf Eichmann in Budapest, Hungary from July through December 1944 and miraculously saved more than 100,000 innocent men, women and children from the death camps. Raoul Wallenberg then endured tragic imprisonment and death in a Soviet Gulag in violation of Wallenberg's diplomatic immunity and international law.

The late U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos, rescued by Wallenberg in Budapest, served for several years as economic adviser and chief of staff to former Alaska Congressman Mike Gravel. In 1981 President Ronald Reagan posthumously awarded Mr. Raoul Wallenberg the highest Congressional award making Wallenberg an Honorary Citizen of the United States.

SCR 19 is brought forth in honor of the courageous valor of Raoul Wallenberg whose life demonstrated moral courage and love in the face of incomprehensible evil, and showed us that one person can make a difference.

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Sep 21, 2011 - Introduced in House. This is the original text of the bill as it was written by its sponsor and submitted to the House for consideration. This is the latest version of the bill currently available on GovTrack.



HR 3001 IH

112th CONGRESS  
1st Session  
H. R. 3001

To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**September 21, 2011**

Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. HAYWORTH, and Mr. GRIMM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the 'Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act'.

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds as follows:

- (1) Raoul Wallenberg was born in Europe on August 4, 1912, to Swedish Christian parents.
- (2) In 1935, he graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, completing a five-year program in three-and-a-half years.
- (3) In a letter to his grandfather, Wallenberg wrote of his time in America: 'I feel so at home in my little Ann Arbor that I'm beginning to sink down roots here and have a hard time imagining my leaving it. . . . Every now and then I feel strange when I think about how tiny my own country is and how large and wonderful America is.'
- (4) Raoul returned to Sweden, where he began a career as a businessman, and afterwards, a Swedish diplomat.
- (5) In 1936, Raoul's grandfather arranged a position for him at the Holland Bank in Haifa, Palestine. There Raoul began to meet young Jews who had already been forced to flee from Nazi persecution in Germany. Their stories affected him deeply.
- (6) He was greatly troubled by the fate of Jews in Europe, confiding to actress Viveca Lindfors the horrific plight of Jews under Nazi Europe.
- (7) Under the direction of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the War Refugee Board was established in January 1944 to aid civilians that fell victim to the Nazi and Axis powers in Europe.
- (8) One of War Refugee Board's top priorities was protection of the 750,000 Hungarian Jews still alive.
- (9) It was decided that Raoul Wallenberg, aged 31 at the time, would be most effective in protecting Jews and victims of the Nazis in Hungary under the War Refugee Board. He was recruited by Iver Olsen, an agent for the Office of Strategic Services and sent to Budapest, Hungary, under his official profession as a Swedish diplomat. He was instructed to use passports and other creative means to save as many lives as possible.
- (10) Wallenberg created a new Swedish passport, the Schutzpass, which looked more imposing and official than the actual Swedish passport. He reportedly put up huge place cards of it throughout Budapest to make the Nazis familiar with it. He unilaterally announced that it granted the holder immunity from the death camps. The Schutzpasses alone are credited with saving 20,000 Jewish lives.

(11) In one example of his heroism, Wallenberg was told of a Nazi plot to round up several thousand Jewish women and acted swiftly to save them. Former Wallenberg staffer, Agnes Adachi, recalls the time when she and other staff, spent the whole night making around 2,000 Schutzpasses before 6 a.m. They were all completed and personally delivered to the women in time to save their lives.

(12) Using the money the United States put into the War Refugee Board, Wallenberg was able to purchase about thirty buildings, which he used as hospitals, schools, soup kitchens, and safe houses for over 8,000 children whose parents have already been deported or killed.

(13) Tommy Lapid, a young boy who was staying with his mother in a Swedish safe house (his father was already dead), gave an eyewitness account of how his family was helped by Wallenberg and the War Refugee Board: 'One morning, a group of Hungarian Fascists came into the house and said that all the able-bodied women must go with them. We knew what this meant. My mother kissed me and I cried and she cried. We knew we were parting forever and she left me there, an orphan to all intents and purposes. Then two or three hours later, to my amazement, my mother returned with the other women. It seemed like a mirage, a miracle. My mother was there--she was alive and she was hugging me and kissing me, and she said one word: Wallenberg.'

(14) Even as the war was coming to a close, Wallenberg remained vigilant and attentive to the people under his care. Adolf Eichmann, the SS colonel charged with the extermination of Jews in Eastern Europe, was determined to exterminate the 70,000 Jews kept as prisoners in a guarded ghetto in Budapest. As soon as Wallenberg heard of the plot, he sent Pal Szalay, an Arrow-Crossman senior official, who defected and turned to Wallenberg. Szalay was sent to speak to General Schmidhuber, who was ordered to spearhead the ghetto extermination in Budapest. Szalay informed Schmidhuber that, seeing as the war was coming to an end, if the planned massacre took place, Wallenberg would see to it personally that Schmidhuber would be prosecuted as a war criminal and hanged. The plans were ultimately abandoned and considered Wallenberg's last big victory.

(15) Of the 120,000 Hungarian Jews that survived, Raoul Wallenberg, acting under the War Refugee Board, is credited with saving an estimated 100,000 of them in a six-month period.

(16) Raoul Wallenberg's fate remains a mystery. In January 13, 1945, he contacted the Russians in an effort to secure food for the Jews under his protection--as he was still working hard to protect them.

(17) In 1981, President Ronald Reagan made Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States, an honor only previously extended to Winston Churchill.

(18) These findings show that Raoul Wallenberg showed exceptional heroism and bravery with his actions during the holocaust. Working with the War Refugee Board, a United State's agency, he was able to save about 100,000 Hungarian Jews, many of which were later able to immigrate to the United States.

(19) Indeed, hundreds of thousands of American Jews can directly or indirectly attribute their own lives to Raoul Wallenberg's actions during World War II. Many of the people Wallenberg saved have been influential citizens contributing to American institutions and culture, including Congressman Tom Lantos (February 1, 1928-February 11, 2008), Annette Lantos, and the Liska Rebbe, Rabbi Yoizef (Joseph) Friedlander, who carried forth the Liska Hassidic dynasty from Hungary to the United States after being saved by Raoul Wallenberg.

(20) His actions and character make him an excellent contender for a Congressional Gold Medal in time for the centennial of his birth, to celebrate his achievements and humanitarian accomplishments.

Public Law 97-54  
97th Congress

Joint Resolution

Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States, and requesting the President to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

Oct. 5, 1981  
[S.J. Res. 65]

- Whereas the United States has conferred honorary citizenship on only one occasion in its more than two hundred years, and honorary citizenship is and should remain an extraordinary honor not lightly conferred nor frequently granted;
- Whereas during World War II the United States was at war with Hungary, and had no diplomatic relations with that country;
- Whereas in 1944 the United States Government through Secretary of State Cordell Hull requested the cooperation of Sweden, as a neutral nation, in protecting the lives of Hungarian Jews facing extermination at the hands of the Nazis;
- Whereas Raoul Wallenberg agreed to act at the behest of the United States in Hungary, and went to Hungary in the summer of 1944 as Secretary of the Swedish Legation;
- Whereas Raoul Wallenberg, with extraordinary courage and with total disregard for the constant danger to himself, saved the lives of almost one hundred thousand innocent men, women, and children;
- Whereas Raoul Wallenberg, with funds and directives supplied by the United States, provided food, shelter, and medical care to those whom he had rescued;
- Whereas the Soviet Union, in violation of Wallenberg's Swedish diplomatic immunity and of international law, seized him on January 17, 1945, with no explanation ever given for his detention and subsequent imprisonment;
- Whereas Raoul Wallenberg has been a prisoner in the Soviet Union since 1945;
- Whereas reports from former prisoners in the Soviet Union, as recent as January 1981, suggest that Raoul Wallenberg is alive;
- Whereas history has revealed that heroic acts of salvation were tragically rare during the massacre of millions of innocent human beings during World War II; and
- Whereas the significance of this symbol of man's concern for his fellow man has been tainted by the wall of silence that surrounds the fate of Wallenberg: Now, therefore, be it

Raoul  
Wallenberg,  
honorary U.S.  
citizenship.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1.** Raoul Wallenberg is proclaimed to be an honorary citizen of the United States of America.

**SEC. 2.** The President is requested to take all possible steps to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

Approved October 5, 1981.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 65 (H.J. Res. 220):**

**HOUSE REPORT** No. 97-152, pt. 1, accompanying H.J. Res. 220 (Comm. on Foreign Affairs).

**SENATE REPORT** No. 97-169 (Comm. on Foreign Relations) and (Comm. on the Judiciary).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**, Vol. 127 (1981):

Aug. 3, considered and passed Senate.

Sept. 22, H.J. Res. 220 considered and passed House; proceedings vacated and S.J. Res. 65 passed in lieu.

**WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS**, Vol. 17, No. 41 (1981):

Oct. 5, Presidential statement.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SCR 18  
Fiscal Note Number 1  
(S) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) SCR 18 RAOUL WALLENBERG REMEMBRANCE DAY Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Senator Dyson  
Requester (S)STA OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

|                               | FY13<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY13<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |            |
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|                               |                                    |  | FY13                    | FY14       | FY15       | FY16       | FY17       | FY18       |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Personal Services             |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                        |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Services                      |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities                   |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay                |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Grants, Benefits              |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous                 |                                    |  |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>        | <b>0.0</b>                         | <b>0.0</b>                                   | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|      |                  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
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| 1002 | Federal Receipts |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1003 | GF Match         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1004 | GF               |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1005 | GF/Prgm (DGF)    |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1037 | GF/MH (UGF)      |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 178  | temp code (UGF)  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**POSITIONS**

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| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

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Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY13) costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

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