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“Denouncing the decision to reverse the suspensions of the federal prosecutors who knowingly withheld evidence of innocence from the defense of Senator Ted Stevens; and honoring the service of Senator Ted Stevens.”

Sponsor Statement

Senator Stevens contributions to the state are obviously too long to list, but included helping to craft key federal legislation that has immensely benefited Alaska, such as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

On July 29, 2008, Alaskan Senator Theodore Fulton “Ted” Stevens, Sr., was wrongfully indicted for allegedly failing to disclose the value of renovations to his cabin. After trial, Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder, asked that the verdict be set aside when it was discovered that federal prosecutors unlawfully withheld exonerating evidence from the defense. Judge Sullivan subsequently appointed a special counsel to investigate the prosecutors. On May 23, 2012, United States Associate Deputy Attorney General Scott N. Schools issued a final decision approving the disciplinary action proposed by Kevin Ohlson, chief of the Professional Misconduct Review unit, that federal prosecutor Joseph Bottini be suspended for 45 days and federal prosecutor James Goeke be suspended for 15 days. On January 2, 2015 the United States Merit Systems Protection Board upheld a 2013 ruling by an administrative judge finding that the United States Department of Justice violated its own rules when it suspended prosecutors Joseph Bottini and James Goeke.

HJR 15 Resolves that the Alaska State Legislature:

- Supports the full and fair exoneration of Senator Ted Stevens;
- Denounces the decision to reverse the suspensions of the federal prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence from the defense of Senator Stevens;
- Requests the Alaska Bar Association determine whether federal prosecutors in the Stevens case violated the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct;
- Honors the distinguished leadership of Senator Stevens to the State of Alaska on many issues that the state still faces today; and
- Further honors the importance of Senator Stevens’ service and legacy as a vital part of the history of the State of Alaska.

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CSHJR 15 (JUD), "Honor Ted Stevens, Discipline Prosecutors"

Summary of Changes from HJR 15 to CSHJR 15 (JUD)

Page 1, line 7, before "Senator" insert "Republican" and delete "of his party"

Page 1, line 10 delete "immensely" and insert "greatly" and delete "certainly"

Page 2, lines 5-6, after "charges" delete "in" and insert "before District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in the" and before "on July" insert "for the District of Columbia"

Page 2, line 12, after "Judge", delete "Emmet G."

Page 3, line 5, after "Association" insert "and any other appropriate bar associations"

Page 3, line 6, after "Conduct" insert "and any other applicable codes of professional conduct"

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHJR 15(JUD)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/4/2015

Identifier: HJR 15 - HJUD
 Title: HONOR TED STEVENS; DISCIPLINE
 PROSECUTORS
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST
 Requester: House Judiciary

Department:
 Appropriation:
 Allocation:
 OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version-1 page, zero note
