

lights and other appliances for the protection of mariners, and,

WHEREAS, during the winter season, the stormy season of the year, there has been no Coast Guard Vessel stationed in said waters other than one Coast Guard Cutter stationed at Juneau, Alaska, which is more than one hundred miles east of Cape Spencer, and a distance of more than fifteen hundred miles to Unalaska, and,

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing facts there is shown a great and immediate necessity for further protection to life and property as represented by the shipping which plies the waters above mentioned,

NOW THEREFORE, YOUR MEMORIALIST URGENTLY PRAYS, that a Coast Guard Vessel, fast and modern, and suitably equipped for the purpose, be stationed at Cordova, Seward, or at some other point near the center of said unprotected district at all times and further prays that the proper Department of the United States Government use all speed and diligence in charting the waters of said area and in placing therein the necessary lights and other safeguards.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed the House, March 27, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 11, 1931, as amended.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in the tenth regular session assembled, respectfully represents that;

WHEREAS, during the World War approximately four thousand persons, residents of Alaska, enlisted or were inducted into the military and naval service of the United States, rendering therein excellent service; and,

WHEREAS, all or nearly all of the persons so serving with the forces of the United States made sacrifices by reason of such service above and beyond any sacrifices made by those who were unable or failed to undertake such service; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Territory should render a grateful tribute to her sons and daughters who, in time of danger, took arms for the defense of their country; and,

WHEREAS, by reason of its limited powers and its reluctance to impose burdensome taxes on the people already sufficiently taxed, it is impracticable for the Legislature of Alaska to pay Alaskan soldiers, sailors or marines or nurses, any money, bonus, compensation or reward, and the only practicable way of showing the gratitude of the country is by an Act of Congress making a grant of lands in Alaska to the persons from Alaska who served in the World War; and,

WHEREAS, a grant of 160 acres of land to each of the persons from Alaska who served in the World War would not cover more than one-half of one percent of the vacant and unoccupied lands of Alaska in which the title still remains in the United States;

We, therefore, pray that an Act be passed by Congress and signed by the President granting each person from Alaska, who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land to be selected by the grantee from any open or unappropriated public lands now subject to homestead entry, or one lode or placer mining claim of legal dimensions, and that no requirements of settlement, cultivation, labor or improvement be imposed on the grantee, and that the right to take up and select such lands be made assignable and transferrable [transferable], and that further provision be made giving to those entitled hereunder to the benefits of such grant but who are now nonresidents of Alaska or so situated as to make impracticable the location and selection of such lands in person, the right to locate and select such lands by attorney-in-fact under written power of attorney.

PROVIDED, further, that to be entitled to such grant persons shall have been bona fide residents of the Territory of Alaska who were regularly called, enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who served on active duty in the army, navy or marine corps, or corps of nurses, of the United States between the 6th day of April, 1917 and the 11th day of November, 1918. Also, any such bona fide resident who being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the army, navy or air forces, or corps of nurses, of the governments associated with the United States between those dates.

Persons who, while in such service were separated therefrom under circumstances amounting to a dishonorable discharge, and who have not been subsequently restored to honorable status, are not entitled to grant hereunder.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed the House, April 2, 1931.

Passed the Senate, April 11, 1931.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE RAY LYMAN WILBUR, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WICKERSHAM DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Tenth Regular Session assembled, does most earnestly and respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the population of the Territory of Alaska consists of approximately 60,000 inhabitants, equally divided between white people and peoples of the Indian and mixed races; and,

WHEREAS, the said Indian population of the Territory of Alaska comprises approximately one seventh of that portion of the total Indian population of the United States treated as wards of the United States Government; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States has for more than one hundred years followed the policy of federal aid to aboriginal peoples through reservations, grants of land, assistance in the purchase of farm machinery and equipment, maintenance of schools and hospitals, aid to the poor and needy, and through liberal federal appropriations for other forms of relief; and,