

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of the Territory of Alaska, provides as follows: "No divorce shall be granted by the Legislature nor shall any divorce granted by the Courts of the Territory unless the applicant therefor shall have resided in the Territory for two years next preceding the application . . . "; and

WHEREAS, the requirement of two years residence now imposed upon the Territory by the Organic Act, we believe, burdensome and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, all States in the Continental United States excepting Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and Massachusetts are permitted to grant divorces after a residence of one year, or even shorter period:

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, most respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to so amend the Organic Act of Congress that applicants may be granted a divorce after a residence of one year in the Territory of Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, February 6, 1941.

Passed by the Senate, February 14, 1941.

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## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. JACKSON, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. DIMOND, DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez, Alaska, is District Court headquarters for the Third Judicial Division, in the Territory of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the above mentioned headquarters, including buildings and equipment, were totally destroyed by fire during the late evening of December 13, 1940, and the early morning hours of December 14, 1940; and,

WHEREAS, there are now no suitable quarters in which Court business may be conducted permanently, in the Third Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez, Alaska, is the coastal terminus of the Richardson Highway, Alaska's one and only means of speedy motorized transportation from the coast to the vital defense bases and projects in Interior Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, in the event of a great emergency, during which it might be found necessary for Land or Naval units to embark for interior or coastal points from the City of Valdez, Alaska, safe storage space for vital supplies is absolutely lacking; and,

WHEREAS, all Federal Agencies functioning in the City of Valdez, Alaska, are scattered over various parts of the City, in frame structures; and,

WHEREAS, it can be very readily ascertained from the above mentioned fact that a very serious fire hazard is constituted as regards important documents and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the geographical location of Valdez, Alaska, as regards mail service, affords a maximum expedition of important correspondence, between Divisional Headquarters and Washington, D. C.;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in fifteenth regular session assembled, respectfully petitions that the United States Department of Justice approve, and the Senate and House of Representatives appropriate, a sum of money which would enable the construction at Valdez, Alaska, of a fireproof structure capable of housing General Court Headquarters and a Federal Jail for the Third Judicial Division, along with the suggestion that space also be provided in said structure for all other Federal Agencies existing and functioning at Valdez, Alaska, and that said funds be provided and architectural plans for construction be drawn up at the earliest possible date.

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