

WHEREAS, the community of Chugiak, Alaska, together with adjacent area has a population of over one hundred adults and approximately ninety children; and,

WHEREAS, the nearest school building is at Anchorage, some twenty miles distance from Chugiak, and the children must be transported to and from Anchorage by bus; and,

WHEREAS, there are at least eight children in the Chugiak area who will be starting the first grade next year, and the necessity of making such a long bus ride is detrimental to the best interests of children so young; and,

WHEREAS, during the past year at least one family of eight children living in the Chugiak area have not been able to attend any school.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges that the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education take earliest possible steps to provide the community of Chugiak with a school building adequate to meet its present needs.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 15, 1949.

Approved by the Governor of Alaska, March 17, 1949.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 19

TO THE HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

WHEREAS, the difficulties and delays experienced by all Nations in their attempts to establish a stable population and a sound economy in Arctic areas can be traced almost entirely to the faulty conditions of health and sanitation which are typical of these areas; and,

WHEREAS, inability to overcome these inadequacies of health and sanitation is, in turn, caused by a lack of specific knowledge concerning man's adjustment to the conditions which exist in Arctic and Subarctic areas and little scientific information is available regarding the operation of physical laws and ordinary biological processes under conditions peculiar to Arctic regions; and,

WHEREAS, such information can be gained only through painstaking research and experimentation on a long term basis and to be of value, such research must be of a scientific caliber, conducted on the spot under existing conditions, by trained specialists from many fields, with the necessary facilities and equipment to do a thorough job; and,

WHEREAS, research in Arctic health has been long delayed by lack of any suitable facilities which would enable qualified scientists to carry on a program of investigation of sufficient length and scientific thoroughness to produce conclusive results; and,

WHEREAS, in all of the Arctic area which lies within the Western Hemisphere, there is no facility or institution capable of meeting the basic needs of such an intensive program and of the four countries which possess vast holdings in the Arctic, none save Russia has developed research centers in this area; and,

WHEREAS, the obvious need for development of well-equipped arctic health research institutes in the Western Hemisphere has long been recognized, and has frequently been expressed by leading authorities in Government, medicine, biology and other fields; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the long standing need for the development of research facilities in an Arctic area, the Alaskan Delegate in Congress has introduced into the 81st Congress, a Resolution requesting Congressional authority and appropriations for the purpose of establishing such a facility (House Joint Resolution 7) at the University of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University adopted a resolution donating land, ideally located adjacent to the University campus, as a site for the research center;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges enactment of such necessary legislation

to bring about the establishment of an Arctic Health Institute in Alaska at an early date.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 18, 1949.

Approved by the Governor, March 21, 1949.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 20

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in Nineteenth Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Organic Act of Alaska (Act of August 24, 1912) as amended by the Act of April 18, 1940, limits the Alaska Legislature to one regular session of only sixty days duration in each biennium; and,

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of the Territory has increased the volume of legislative work manyfold since said section was first enacted; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature was substantially enlarged by the amendment of Section 4 of the Organic Act approved November 13, 1942, thereby engendering the introduction of a greater number of bills; and,

WHEREAS, the calendar of the present Legislature is so crowded that it has been necessary to hold many arduous night sessions which are a hardship upon the members;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist urges that Section 6 of the Alaska Organic Act, above cited, be amended to allow regular