

WHEREAS, Alaska is dependent on air transportation in degree far surpassing any other state or Territory of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the defense and development of Alaska are intimately linked with its aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, an accelerated airport construction program in Alaska is essential to the defense of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature, in Twentieth Regular Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress of the United States appropriate and allot for matching purposes under existing provisions of the Federal Airport Act and its derivative regulations One Million Dollars for obligation prior to July 1, 1952 for public airports in Alaska.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House, March 13, 1951.

Approved by the Governor, March 15, 1951.

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## HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 36

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND TO THE DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully represents that:

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Alaska desiring the fullest measure of self-government are requesting Congress to grant them Statehood at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, a bill providing for admission of Alaska as a State

of the Union failed to become law in the Eighty-first Congress; and has again been introduced in the First Session of the Eighty-second Congress; and

WHEREAS, this Bill provides for an appointive Secretary of Alaska which is not the usual process and

WHEREAS, all States have an elective Lt. Governor, it is desirable that the Bill be amended so as to provide for an elective Lt. Governor for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of an additional measure of self-government through provision for the election, by the people of the Territory, of their own Governor, will constitute an important and decisive step toward the achievement of the ultimate goal of Statehood for Alaska; and will aid and not detract from the Statehood cause; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska deem themselves fully qualified and capable at the present time to exercise all the duties and prerogatives of full citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to make provision by appropriate action for the election, by the people of the Territory, of the Governor of that Territory.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 20, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1951.

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### HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 37

TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA, THE HONORABLE CARL GRAY, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES: