

House Joint Memorials

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States and to the Congress of the United States:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

We, representatives of the citizens of Alaska, again appeal to you, the duly constituted representatives of all the people of the United States, that you may recognize us and our constituency as equal citizens under the democratic flag of America;

We remind you again that the people of Alaska have demonstrated through all their history of Territorial status their adherence to the principles upon which the government of the United States was founded;

We remind you that by referen-

dum and by acclamation through our land an overwhelming majority of our people have declared unequivocally their desire for statehood and the right of a free people to govern themselves;

We recall to you that your own electors, through the platforms of the major political parties and by their popular accord have given you a mandate for statehood for Alaska; and

THEREFORE we ask that you, collectively and as individuals, dismiss all partisan concerns, look only to the merits of our cause, recognize and correct the injustice we suffer in not being allowed to govern ourselves or participate in the election of the President or have voting representation in Congress, all of which may be cured by enabling immediate statehood for Alaska.

Your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House, January 25, 1955

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1955