

House Memorials

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1

To the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission and the Division of Aeronautics for the Alaska Aviation Department:

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

WHEREAS, the town of Kaltag, Alaska, is at the present time without facilities for the landing of aircraft, other than that of a sand bar, located across and up-stream of the Yukon River from the main village, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Kaltag are greatly dependent upon aircraft, not only for medical attention and personal transportation but also for mail service and other supplies, and,

WHEREAS, at certain seasons of the year it is impossible to cross the river to the airstrip, and

WHEREAS, the construction of

an adequate air strip on the village side of the Yukon river would be of great benefit and importance to the many residents of that area, and would be a furtherance of the purpose and objectives of the Alaska Aeronautics Act which is to provide for the protection of persons and promotion of safety in aeronautics by encouraging and developing a territorial system of airports:

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that the Division of Aeronautics of the Alaska Aviation Department take all appropriate steps to construct an airplane landing field on the community side of the Yukon River at Kaltag, Alaska at the earliest opportunity.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 6, 1957.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 2

To the Honorable Arthur Sommersfeld, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.; to the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, United States Senator; to the Honorable Wayne Morse, United States Senator;

to the Honorable Richard Neuberger, United States Senator; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, it has been the apparent policy of the United States Post Office Department to honor statesmen, scholars, explorers and other outstanding Americans by issuing a commemorative postage stamp, and

WHEREAS, Judge James Wickersham has distinguished himself as an outstanding American and particularly as an Alaskan, having, among other feats, the following accomplishments to his credit:

(a) Was appointed to the Alaska Federal Bench in 1900;

(b) Assisted in revising and establishing the present judicial system now existing in the Territory;

(c) Led the first expedition ever to attempt to climb Mt. McKinley, the highest peak on the North American Continent;

(d) Served as a Delegate to the United States Congress and secured passage of the Alaska Organic Act, making Alaska an organized Territory;

(e) Introduced into the United States Congress on October 18, 1916, the first Statehood Bill for Alaska.

(f) Helped establish the University of Alaska;

(g) Became known as the "Father of the Alaska Railroad", introducing and fighting for the

passage of the Alaska Railroad Bill;

(h) Published the first newspaper, the "News Miner", in Fairbanks;

(i) Compiled a monumental work "Bibliography of Alaska Literature, 1724-1924"; wrote numerous historic, scientific and legal manuscripts concerning Alaska including "The Forty-Ninth Star" for Collier's Magazine, 1910; and his biography, "Old Yukon—Tales, Trails and Trials" which has become a classic; and

(j) Preserved for Alaska rare historic documents, books, maps, and artifacts which became a part of the famed Wickersham Library and Collection now on exhibit in the Territorial Historical Library and Museum; and

WHEREAS, August 24, 1957, marks the centenary of the birth of James Wickersham, whom Alaskans regard with great respect, honor and love,

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of Alaska, respectfully urges the United States Post Office Department to issue a **Judge Wickersham Centenary Commemorative Postage Stamp** in his honor and memory.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

Passed by the House February 5, 1957.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 3

To the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of Interior; the Honorable Marion B. Folsom, Secretary, Department of Health, Educa-

tion, and Welfare; William Olsen, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Don M. Dafeo, Commissioner of