

Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father on Sept. 20, 1955 saw fit to relieve our esteemed colleague, former Territorial Senator William Howard Lyng of Nome, Alaska, of his earthly burdens; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable William Howard Lyng, during his 52 years of residence in the Territory of Alaska, toiled unceasingly for progressive welfare of Alaska's citizens, and for the development of the Territory's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable William Howard Lyng admirably served the people of Alaska and the Second Judicial Division for three sessions in the Territorial House of Representatives and five sessions in the Territorial Senate; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding sincere integrity of character exemplified by the late Honorable William Howard Lyng prompted his constituents to keep sending him back to the Legislature for session after session; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable William Howard Lyng was a kindly man of generous disposition; a man of great moral fortitude and intelligence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Alaska Legislature in Twenty-Third Session assembled, that we mourn the passing of the Honorable William Howard Lyng and desire by this resolution, to convey our sympathy to his bereaved family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Senate adjourns on this the eighth day of February, 1957, it shall do so in honor of the memory of the late William Howard Lyng; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to have a suitable engrossed copy of this Resolution prepared and forwarded to Mrs. Allen F. Bullard, Box 910, Porterville, California, sister of the late Honorable William Howard Lyng.

Passed by the Senate February 8, 1957.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska:

WHEREAS, the powers of municipalities in the Territory of Alaska are presently limited to

those powers of Government expressly granted to them by the Legislature and the Federal Government, and these powers are not now fully and clearly defined; and,

WHEREAS, the present powers of municipalities need study and revision to allow the Territorial Legislature to effect legislation which will give the greatest autonomy possible to municipalities to transact municipal affairs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled; that the Alaska Legislative Council make a thorough study of the authority of the Territorial Legislature to grant to municipalities Home Rule, together with recommended legis-

lation necessary to grant to the municipalities the necessary autonomy to carry on their governmental functions without the necessity of the municipalities obtaining, from time to time, specific legislative authority for the carrying on of said governmental functions, and that the results of such study and the recommended legislation be submitted to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Territorial Legislature.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1957.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska in Regular Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession admitted inhabitants of the ceded area to "the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States" and thereby gave initial and unique promise of Alaska's attaining, among those rights and advantages, self government in the American tradition; and

WHEREAS, many such rights, advantages and immunities have been denied the citizens of Alaska because of its Territorial status; and

WHEREAS, it has been adequately demonstrated during ninety years that Alaskans firmly believe in and adhere to the principles of constitutional government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief in such principles by adopting a constitution for the State of Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures the same rights as the Constitution of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that March 30, 1957 be further designated "Liberation Day" and that the people of Alaska on this date celebrate their liberation from Russian colonial bondage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be urged to grant statehood to Alaska by March 30, 1957 and further resolved that should Alaska's quest for statehood be realized by March 30, 1957, that this day now known as "Seward Day", also be designated "Statehood Day".

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1957.