

IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the recognition of the services to Alaska of George H. Lehleitner during the Centennial year.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the observance of the centennial of the Alaska Purchase includes recognition of persons and events vitally affecting Alaskan history; and

WHEREAS in 1955 a citizen of the State of Louisiana came to Alaska at his own expense to lend support to the efforts of the Territorial Legislature and the Constitutional Convention to prepare Alaska for statehood; and

WHEREAS George H. Lehleitner actively urged the 1955 Territorial Legislature to call a constitutional convention so that Congress would be convinced that the people of Alaska wanted and were sufficiently politically mature for statehood; and

WHEREAS with the convening of the Alaska Constitutional Convention of 1955-56, George Lehleitner appeared before and worked at the convention for the adoption of what resulted in the Alaska-Tennessee Plan whereby Alaska would send a "representative" and two "senators" to the Congress to work as a team with the Alaska Delegate to press for the passage of the statehood Act; and

WHEREAS it is well established that the drafting and adopting of a state constitution and the full implementation of the Alaska-

Tennessee Plan in 1955-1957 were the decisive elements in the victorious struggle in Congress for statehood in 1958;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to make arrangements with the Alaska Purchase Centennial Commission for setting aside one day during the 1967 centennial observances as "George H. Lehleitner Day" recognizing this great friend of Alaska as father of the Alaska-Tennessee Plan which did so much to make the dream of statehood for Alaska a reality.