

STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Relating to the membership of the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS Alaska, as a territory, experienced the inequity of lack of representation in the national government, especially with respect to administration of its own affairs; and

WHEREAS Alaska's pioneers struggled long and hard to achieve statehood and a measure of power for its own people; and

WHEREAS Alaska has endorsed the cause of equal rights for both sexes, as evidenced by ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the inclusion of sex as a prohibited classification in the activities covered by the laws against discrimination; and

WHEREAS approximately 50 per cent of the residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes are women; and

WHEREAS it is especially appropriate that the men and women who reside in the Alaska Pioneers' Homes have representation on the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, not only are there no residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes on the board, there are also no women on the board; and

WHEREAS this lack of representation must seem a cruel irony to Alaska's pioneers who struggled so long against just such inequity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests the Governor to terminate the terms of office of

the present members of the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board and reappoint a membership which includes at least one woman and at least one resident of an Alaska Pioneers' Home.