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Relating to the appointment of an Alaskan to fill the upcoming vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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

WHEREAS the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has jurisdiction over cases brought in the federal courts of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariannas; and

WHEREAS Chief Judge Alfred Goodwin of the Ninth Circuit intends to take senior status on January 31, 1991; and

WHEREAS Chief Judge Goodwin's assumption of senior status will result in a vacancy on the Ninth Circuit; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States is responsible for appointing judges to the Ninth Circuit, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS Alaska is represented on the Ninth Circuit by only one judge in senior status, Senior Judge Robert Boochever; and

WHEREAS Senior Judge Boochever is the only Alaskan who has been appointed to the Ninth Circuit in the 32 years since Alaska became a state; and

WHEREAS Alaska is one of the fastest growing states in the Ninth Circuit; and

WHEREAS Alaska has much to offer the Ninth Circuit, including a wealth of legal and judicial talent; and

WHEREAS the Ninth Circuit should represent the diverse interests of the states which bring cases to the Ninth Circuit bench;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests President George Bush to appoint an Alaskan to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to fill the vacancy that will result from Chief Judge Goodwin's assumption of senior status.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Richard Thornburgh, Attorney General of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.