

WHEREAS, a high level of education is absolutely essential to national and individual progress; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country educational opportunity falls far short of ideal standards; and

WHEREAS, many states in the Union and their political subdivisions have reached the practical limits of their taxing power, and can find no further sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of population in the nation, and particularly in Alaska, demands immediate vigorous action if the concomitant educational demands are to be met; and

WHEREAS, by far the best solution to this problem, if not the only solution, is a concerted nationwide effort, guided and in

part financed by the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to take quick and effective action to put into effect a comprehensive federal program of Aid to Education with maximum local control; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to the late R. E. Robertson.

Be It Resolved by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has received the sad news of the passing of the Honorable R. E. Robertson of Juneau, one of Alaska's most distinguished pioneer residents; and

WHEREAS, after a half-century of distinguished private endeavor and public accomplishment his record of service will always be a model for those who aspire to the finest traditions of individual enterprise and unselfish public service; and

WHEREAS, R. E. Robertson, during his career of over half a century in Alaska, was an outstanding citizen and lawyer of the Territory and State of Alaska, and served the people of Juneau and Alaska in various important capacities; having served as Mayor of Juneau from 1920 to 1923; President of the Juneau School Board from 1924 to 1947; Chairman of the Home Service Section of the Juneau Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1917 to 1945; Delegate to the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955; Trustee, Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, 1925 to 1933; member of the Board of Uniform Law Commissioners for Alaska; member of the Board of Territorial Law Examiners of the

First Judicial Division of Alaska from 1929 to 1955; member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association from 1944 to 1960; President of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce in 1924 and 1935; member of the Board of Managers and National Councillor to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce from 1933 to 1937; Territorial Treasurer of the Republican National Ways and Means Committee; candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1958; and

WHEREAS, he rendered such capable and efficient service in these various capacities, so as to win the respect and high esteem of all who knew him;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Legislature notes with sorrow the passing of a distinguished Alaskan, R. E. Robertson, who contributed so much to Alaska, and hereby expresses its sincerest condolences to Mrs. R. E. Robertson and her family on their loss, which is also a loss to the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the pages of this day's journal; and that the original be suitably engrossed and addressed to Mrs. R. E. Robertson.

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1961.