JOINT RESOLUTION
Transferring to the State of Alaska certain archives and records in the custody of the National Archives of the United States.

Whereas the archives and records of the Office of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, 1884-1958, were transferred to the Federal Archives and Records Center, Seattle, Washington, in 1958 as part of a records management improvement program and because of a lack of proper archival facilities in Alaska; and

Whereas it was agreed by officials of the General Services Administration and the State of Alaska at that time that legislation would be requested to return these archives and records to the custody of the State of Alaska at such time as a State archival agency should be prepared to receive them; and

Whereas the State of Alaska will complete construction of a State archival facility in the near future; and

Whereas Federal records created by territorial governments pertaining to territorial activities have traditionally been transferred to the successor State government when a State enters the Union: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the official archives, records, transfer, and records of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, 1884-1958, now deposited with the National Archives of the United States at the Federal Archives and Records Center, Seattle, Washington, shall be transferred to the State of Alaska at the expense of the United States: Provided, That the State of Alaska makes provisions for the safekeeping, repair, and preservation of such archives and records in fireproof, air-conditioned storage space under professional archival direction: Provided further, That the Administrator of General Services shall determine that the condition imposed above has been met prior to his release of such archives and records for transfer to the State of Alaska.

Approved December 26, 1974.