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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 42]

Designating Alaska Statehood Day, January 3, 1984.

- Whereas July 7, 1983, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of enactment of the Alaska Statehood Act as approved by the United States Congress and signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Whereas the Alaska Statehood Act authorizes the entry of Alaska into the Union on January 3, 1959;
- Whereas the State of Alaska is still growing and developing based on the principles established by the Alaska Statehood Act;
- Whereas the Alaska Statehood Act is the foundation of the union between the State of Alaska and the United States of America which has been to the benefit of both parties;
- Whereas many commitments between Alaska and the Federal Government are still being fulfilled;
- Whereas the State of Alaska is a storehouse of this Nation's natural resources;
- Whereas Alaska provides one-eighth of the Nation's gold; one-fifth of the Nation's oil production; and two-fifths of its harvested fish all to the benefit to the Union;
- Whereas Alaska possesses ten of the sixteen strategic minerals needed for our Nation's security;
- Whereas the Federal Government collects \$3 in taxes from Alaska for every \$1 it spends there;
- Whereas the United States has reaped economic rewards from Alaska many times greater than its original \$7,000,000 investment;
- Whereas the people of Alaska contribute to the cultural diversity and cultural resources of this Nation; and
- Whereas the Alaska Statehood Act authorized Alaska's entry into the United States of America and provided the basis for these benefits shared by Alaska and the Union: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That January 3, 1984, be known as "Alaska Statehood Day" in honor of the silver anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union. The President is requested and authorized to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States; and the Federal, State, and local governments to observe "Alaska Statehood Day" with the appropriate ceremonies and recognition.

Alaska
Statehood Day.

Approved June 22, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 42:

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June 22, Presidential statement.