A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as
2 a block grant to the state.

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

4 WHEREAS the federal government provides funding for education to the states; and
5 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is a better judge of how to use federal funding to meet
6 the education needs in the State of Alaska; and
7 WHEREAS the use of a block grant system is a method that maximizes control by
8 the states and local communities; and
9 WHEREAS the block grant system has proven successful in other areas such as
10 welfare funding; and
11 WHEREAS, in the 106th Congress, the United States House of Representatives is
12 considering H.R. 2 and the United States Senate is considering S. 280, which would revise
13 federal education funding to the states;
14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
15 to adopt a block grant system for distributing education funding to the states that allows the
16 states maximum flexibility in the use of education funds.
COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard W. Riley, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education; 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.