

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON

Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 30: *" Urging the United States Congress to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons; urging the United States government to uphold its international leadership role in responding to displacement crises with humanitarian assistance and to work with the international community and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to find solutions to conflicts and protect refugees; and urging the President of the United States to continue to mitigate the burden placed on frontline refugee host countries."*

We are in the midst of a global refugee crisis. People are being displaced from their homes in staggering numbers—over 65,600,000 displaced people worldwide—and look to the U.S. to provide the humanitarian support that we’ve previously pledged. This resolution makes known Alaska’s intent to stand by our word and support the global community to the best of our ability, recognizing that it is our duty as a world power to stand up for human rights and humanitarian efforts. It is emphasized that displaced persons, 51 percent of which are children, are typically fleeing violence, war, and/or strife.

HJR 30 is an effort to promote Alaska’s commitment to the safety and well-being of all people and to help ensure that congress stands by our national responsibility of aiding refugees and displaced global citizens.

I invite you to discuss this issue with me further and urge you to support this legislation.

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