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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the transfer of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station facilities and program responsibility from the United States Department of Agriculture to the University of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state of the 50 states that does not have essentially complete control of its own agricultural experiment station; and

WHEREAS it would be beneficial to this state to have the United States Department of Agriculture:

(1) convey and transfer without monetary consideration to the University of Alaska the lands and buildings, together with improvements and appurtenances thereto, of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station at Palmer and Matanuska, Alaska; and

(2) allocate the direct federal funds, appropriated annually to the Agricultural Research Service for research in Alaska, to the proper divisions of that service exclusively for research in Alaska in cooperation with the University of Alaska's Agricultural Experiment Station, in order to operate the experiment station on a basis comparable with those in the other states;

and

WHEREAS splitting the salaries between the federal government, the state government and the University of Alaska, and the confusion of personnel as to which agency they are answerable to is not for the best interests of research or the agencies involved; and

WHEREAS, at one time, the University of Alaska was in charge of the experimental station but lost that status due to an Act of Congress, but now the University having gained stature, the Department of Agriculture believes that Alaska can take its place with the other 49 states, if suitable legislation is passed by Congress;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States pass a bill authorizing and directing the Department of Agriculture to convey and transfer to the University of Alaska the lands and buildings, together with improvements and appurtenances thereto, of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station at Palmer and Matanuska, Alaska; and

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.