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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to housing for Alaska Natives and other deprived Alaska residents.

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

WHEREAS many Alaska Natives and other Alaska residents suffer from the lack of adequate housing facilities which causes overcrowded conditions, disease, and general despair among vast segments of the population of Alaska; and

WHEREAS these people live in shacks more deplorable than any to be found in an urban slum area; and

WHEREAS these people cannot avail themselves of present housing programs because they cannot qualify financially for aid; and

WHEREAS the national conscience has done much to correct injustices to minority groups in America, but has generally neglected the welfare of Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS there is now before the Congress a bill, S. 1915, which would authorize the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to make loans and grants to the state or an authorized agency of the state of up to 75 per cent of the aggregate cost of the

facilities that would be constructed under a program to be adopted by the state, and approved by the Administrator, to assist in the provision of housing and related facilities for Alaska Natives and other neglected Alaska residents; and

WHEREAS any program adopted by the state and approved by the Administrator must encourage, to the greatest possible extent, those persons who would benefit from the proposed program to utilize mutual and self-help in constructing any proposed housing; and

WHEREAS, S. 1915, if implemented, would provide experience in, and encourage self-government and individual home ownership;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to enact S. 1915 in order that needed housing can be provided for neglected Alaska Natives and other Alaska residents.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable A. Willis Robertson, Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee; the Honorable Wright Patman, Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee; the Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and 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.