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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the B.I.A. to upgrade certain schools to 12-year schools.

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

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools at Unalakleet Point Barrow, Kotzebue and Hooper Bay presently provide an education only through the 10th grade for the growing population of those towns; and

WHEREAS, if a child desires to complete a full high school curriculum, he must travel to another area of the state or even to a B.I.A. school in another state, either of which requires him to be separated from his home by a great distance for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS this separation results in unnecessary hardships and suffering for the child and his parents, as well as weakening the family situation, and subjecting the child to a deprivation of contact with the home, family and friends he is comfortable and happy with during his formative teen-age years; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for a rational education policy and for the betterment of those students who live in and around Unalakleet, Point Barrow and Kotzebue to upgrade those schools to 12-year schools with a full high school curriculum;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to provide a full high school education through the 12th grade in the schools at Unalakleet, Point Barrow, Kotzebue and Hooper Bay.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Charles A. Richmond, Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.