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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to student housing in rural areas.

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

WHEREAS a number of small high school facilities are being established in various communities in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in many instances, there are persons of high school age who live in communities located near these schools who are in need of placement; and

WHEREAS one of the major problems to be overcome before a student in need of placement can perhaps attend a high school relatively close to his home community is the provision of suitable housing; and

WHEREAS it would be of great advantage to the student to be able to continue his education at the nearest possible location to his home; and

WHEREAS, if the students who are in need of placement could be integrated into these schools in the remote areas of Alaska, it would not only benefit the student but would aid the development of these small high schools, both in terms of their physical facilities and the curricula available; and

WHEREAS group homes offer a more comfortable and relatively normal living experience, thereby adding to the learning process in classrooms;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is urgently requested to investigate the possibility and the implementation by the Bureau of Indian

Affairs of a plan whereby group homes rather than dormitories would be made available in those communities where high schools are or will be established.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Morris Thompson, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.