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Relating to the Young Astronaut Program.

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

WHEREAS an estimated 90 percent of United States high school graduates may not be capable of accomplishing the most routine high-technology tasks; and

WHEREAS only six percent of United States high school graduates attain the same proficiency in math and science as is attained by 90 percent of high school graduates in other countries; and

WHEREAS if this situation is not reversed, the United States could forfeit its technological leadership; and

WHEREAS President Reagan has established the Young Astronaut Program as a privately sponsored, nonprofit, educational organization to develop and deliver high quality curricular material to encourage students in elementary and junior high schools to study science, mathematics, technology, and related subjects; and

WHEREAS in order to participate in the Young Astronaut Program, a student must belong to a Young Astronaut Chapter established in school as a co-curricular or extracurricular activity, or outside of school by a community organization or by interested adults;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that all school districts in the state are respectfully requested to encourage schools in their districts to start Young Astronaut Chapters by registering with the Young Astronaut Council, P. O. Box 65432, Washington, D.C. 20036.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Barney Gottstein,

President of the State Board of Education; to William G. Demmert, Commissioner of Education; to the superintendent and curriculum coordinator of each school district in the state; to the president of each local teachers association; and to the president of each school board in the state.