

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 10

2 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

3 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

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5 TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; TO
6 GLENN L. ELMONS, COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; AND TO WILLIAM H.
7 OLSEN, DIRECTOR, ALASKA NATIVE SERVICE:

8 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legis-
9 lature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session
10 assembled, respectfully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, it is our responsibility and intent to provide pro-
12 per educational opportunities to all peoples of Alaska, native or
13 non-native, and

14 WHEREAS, the laws of the United States provide that the
15 Alaska Native Service is responsible for the education of the
16 native peoples of the Territory of Alaska, and

17 WHEREAS, these needs are not presently being adequately met
18 for more than 200 native school children in the operation of five
19 old and inadequate school buildings at Kotzebue, Alaska, and

20 WHEREAS, these old and widely separated buildings are costly
21 to operate and to maintain, and

22 WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska should not be required,
23 through local responsibility, to assume the excessive cost of
24 maintenance and operation of five old and widely separated build-
25 ings, and

26 WHEREAS, no high school is available to any school children
27 in the entire Arctic region, and

28 WHEREAS, Kotzebue, Alaska, acts as a hub for activities of
29 eleven villages of the Arctic area and is showing steadily

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increasing native population growth as a result of increasing
integration of native residents into the Territorial economy, and

WHEREAS, it is the birthright of every American citizen to
have equal education opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives
of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second
Regular Session assembled, requests funds be appropriated for the
immediate construction of adequate grade and high schools at
Kotzebue, Alaska, to meet the needs of the rapidly changing Arctic
native culture and economy.