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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR;

6 HONORABLE HENRY M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE

7 WARREN G. MAGNUSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE WAYNE MORSE,

8 UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE RICHARD NEUBERGER, UNITED

9 STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, CHAIRMAN, SENATE

10 COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; HONORABLE JAMES E. MURRAY,

11 CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS;

12 HONORABLE CLARE E. HOFFMAN, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON

13 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; HONORABLE CLAIR ENGLE, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE

14 COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS; HONORABLE E. L.

15 BARNETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS; HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS,

16 COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; HONORABLE WILLIAM OLSEN,

17 DIRECTOR, ALASKA NATIVE SERVICE.

18 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Terri-  
19 tory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, respectfully  
20 represents;

21 WHEREAS, the mutuality of interests between the United  
22 States Government and the Territorial Government of Alaska in  
23 providing education for Alaska children has been prevalent  
24 throughout the whole struggle for Alaska school facilities; and

25 WHEREAS, because of the vast area of the Territory and its  
26 diversified population, the Territorial Government has only been  
27 able to and has concentrated its efforts to establish school faci-  
28 lities in the more densely populated areas, while the United  
29 States Government shoulders the burden of providing school

1 facilities in the more isolated areas where non-tax-paying  
2 Natives are located; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Government through the Alaska  
4 Native Service presently operates 80 day schools located  
5 throughout the more remote areas and two boarding schools  
6 located at Sitka and Wrangell, thereby affording school facilities  
7 to larger numbers of Native children who otherwise would be  
8 denied even an elementary education because of the lack of  
9 such school facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, a determined and progressive attitude has been  
11 taken towards providing more elementary and secondary or high  
12 schools for the vast number of Native students in Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS, the need for such a program is eminent and urgent  
14 and the Territorial Government is unable to provide all such fac-  
15 ilities at this time; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Service personnel in charge of  
17 operating, conducting and teaching in such schools are of the  
18 highest caliber, devoted to their duties and expending their full  
19 energy in its behalf and many making their careers of supply-  
20 ing educational facilities and training in areas most seriously  
21 needing such facilities and teaching, thereby raising the education-  
22 al standard and the general, social and economic status of the  
23 Native population of Alaska; and

24 WHEREAS, said Alaska Native Service has been and is continuing  
25 to work in close harmony and cooperation with the Territorial  
26 Board of Education and with school boards in all areas of Alaska  
27 in order to promote the general educational interest of the Nat-  
28 ive people and the improvements of the school system in Alaska;

29 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives

1 of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled,  
2 respectfully requests that the Alaska Native Service be commended  
3 for its untiring efforts in behalf of the educational program  
4 of Alaska and that it be encouraged and afforded the opportunity  
5 to continue and to enlarge this beneficial program until such  
6 time as conditions will permit the responsibility for the  
7 education of all Natives in Alaska to be taken over by the  
8 Territorial Department of Education.

9 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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