

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. BLODGETT

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES; THE HONORABLE RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

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STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE

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ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J.

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RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON,

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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS,

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COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE JAMES E. HAWKINS,

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ALASKA AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

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Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in

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First Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits

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that:

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WHEREAS, the village of Wales, Alaska, constituting an official

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native reserve is badly in need of new school facilities; and

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WHEREAS, under present conditions over fifty children are

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attending classes in a half-century old building which is known

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to be unsafe and subject to condemnation; and

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WHEREAS, the said school also houses the community post

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office and two school teachers and their families; and

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WHEREAS, under such conditions it is very nearly impossible

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for the school children of Wales to obtain the real advantages

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of education to which they are entitled; and

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WHEREAS, a new school for Wales has been promised and

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programmed in the amount of \$101,000 by the federal government,

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but no actual appropriation has been made for this construction;

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NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges that all expedient action be taken by the 86th Congress in first session to assure an appropriation for a new Bureau of Indian Affairs school in Wales, Alaska.