

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS. HOFFMAN AND BLODGETT AND  
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3 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

5 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

6 TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR S. FLEMMING, SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCA-  
7 TION AND WELFARE; THE HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS, COMMISSIONER OF  
8 INDIAN AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, AND THE HONORABLE  
9 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J.  
10 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE JAMES E.  
11 HAWKINS, ALASKA AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

12 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
13 First Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits  
14 that:

15 WHEREAS, the City of Nome on the Seward Peninsula, the  
16 village of Bethel on the Kuskokwim River, and the village of Fort  
17 Yukon on the Yukon River, constitute large centers of native  
18 population; and

19 WHEREAS, at the present time many of the native students from  
20 these areas must be sent to Mt. Edgecumbe in southeastern Alaska  
21 in order to obtain the technical and vocational training on the  
22 high school level that will allow them to make their greatest use  
23 of their natural abilities; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the wish of these students to attend high  
25 school in an area closer to their homes and families; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the desire of all the native residents of the  
27 Nome, Bethel and Fort Yukon areas that the young people develop  
28 their talents and abilities in the country they know best so that  
29 they will be more inclined to contribute to their communities  
throughout their lifetimes;

1           NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all possible  
2 action be taken in the near future to insure that technical high  
3 schools for native students, comparable to that operating at  
4 Mt. Edgecumbe, be established in the City of Nome, Alaska, the  
5 village of Bethel, Alaska and the village of Fort Yukon, Alaska.

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