

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to hospitalization for
6 Alaska and Hawaii veterans for non-
7 service connected disabilities.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
9 LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, bills have again been introduced in both house of
11 Congress by the Alaska delegation to restore to veterans in Alaska
12 and Hawaii the right to hospital treatment for non-service con-
13 nected disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, it is the purpose of S. 801 and H.R. 2923 to place
15 Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans on an equal footing with veterans
16 of the other states who have comparatively easy access to veterans
17 hospitals; and

18 WHEREAS, Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans requiring emergency
19 hospitalization are not now authorized to obtain this care near
20 their homes but must be flown hundreds of miles to the nearest
21 veterans' hospital in the United States proper;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in S
23 Second Legislature, First Session assembled that Congress is res-
24 pectfully urged to take favorable action this year on either
25 S. 801 or H.R. 2923 in order that Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans
26 may receive needed hospitalization under Veterans' Administration
27 contracts with hospitals located in their respective states; and
28 be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to

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1 the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
2 and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Administrator of
3 Veterans' Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in
4 Congress.

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