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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the Alaska delegation to Congress has introduced
11 bills in both houses of Congress which seek to restore to
12 veterans in Alaska and Hawaii their rights to hospital treatment
13 for nonservice-connected disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, it is the purpose of S. 801 and H.R. 2923 to give
15 Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans the same treatment as veterans
16 of the other states who have comparatively easy access to vet-
17 erans' hospitals; and

18 WHEREAS, Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans requiring immediate
19 emergency hospitalization are not now permitted to obtain the
20 medical services they must have near their homes, but must be
21 flown hundreds of miles to the nearest veteran's hospital in the
22 United States proper; and

23 WHEREAS, the closing of the Alaskan Veterans' Administration
24 contact offices in the cities of Fairbanks and Ketchikan have
25 further aggravated the problem for those veterans in need of
26 medical treatment and care;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that Congress is
29 respectfully urged to take favorable action this year on either

HJR #70

1 S. 801 or H.R. 2923 in order that Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans
2 may receive needed hospitalization under Veterans' Administration
3 contracts with hospitals located in their respective states; and
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
6 the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Labor and Public
7 Welfare Committee, the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House
8 Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Alaska Delegation to Congress.
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