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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the reopening of the
6 Veterans Administration contact
7 office in Fairbanks.

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

10 WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration recently closed its
11 Fairbanks contact office and veterans and veteran dependents are
12 now served only by a visiting representative on periodic trips;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the former Fairbanks office was essential to the
15 servicing of veteran claims and needs for the entire Central and
16 Northwestern districts of the state, an area larger than several
17 states combined; and

18 WHEREAS, the closing of the Veterans Administration contact
19 office in Fairbanks is working a hardship on the veterans and
20 veteran dependents of this vast outlying area who now must
21 schedule their trips to Fairbanks on the basis of the periodic
22 trips of the Veterans Administration representative from another
23 area; and

24 WHEREAS, this hardship, poor service, and failure to recog-
25 nize the special conditions prevailing in Alaska ought to be
26 rectified;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Alaska
29 Delegation in Congress is requested to submit this resolution to

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1 the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and request that the needs
2 of Alaska veterans and veteran dependents be reviewed and that the
3 Fairbanks contact office be reopened promptly.

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