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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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

13 WHEREAS, it is the purpose of S. 625 and H.R. 2048 to give
14 Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans the same treatment as veterans of
15 the other states who have easy access to veterans' hospitals; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the closing of the Alaskan Veterans Administration
22 contact offices in the cities of Fairbanks and Ketchikan has fur-
23 ther aggravated the problem for those veterans in need of medical
24 treatment and care; and

25 WHEREAS, the apparent discrimination against veterans of
26 Alaska and Hawaii, who served just as valiantly as veterans from
27 other states, would be ended with the passage of S. 625 and
28 H.R. 2048;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress is respectfully urged to

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take favorable action this year on either S. 625 or H.R. 2048 in order that Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans may receive needed hospitalization under Veterans Administration contracts with hospitals located in their respective states; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee; the Honorable Charles Teague, Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Edward Mandell, M.D., Chairman, Administrators' Advisory Council; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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