

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS BRONSON AND BEGICH

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a federal income tax
6 provision to grant a deduction of
7 up to \$2,000 to parents with child-
8 ren studying subjects important for
9 the security of the nation.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 WHEREAS, Congress, by enactment of the National Defense
12 Education Act of 1958, has declared that the study of science,
13 mathematics, engineering and modern foreign languages is necessary
14 to the security of the nation, and has provided, under the Act,
15 for financial assistance in the form of loans, for students who
16 study these subjects in institutions of higher learning; and

17 WHEREAS, the cost of education of only a portion of the
18 college and graduate students who study subjects necessary to the
19 security of the nation is defrayed by the financial assistance
20 rendered by the federal government; and

21 WHEREAS, the cost of education, in both public and private
22 institutions of higher learning, has increased significantly in
23 recent years and is expected to increase greatly in the future;
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25 WHEREAS, it is considered that the increasing cost of educa-
26 tion places a particularly heavy burden on parents in lower income
27 brackets who provide for the education of their children;

28 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress is respectfully urged to
29 enact legislation that will provide an additional personal

1 deduction of up to \$2,000 from the gross taxable income of parents
2 in the lower income brackets who pay for the higher education of
3 their children in subjects deemed necessary to the security of
4 the nation; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
6 the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
7 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Repre-
8 sentatives; the Honorable Douglas Dillion, Secretary of the
9 Treasury; the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of
10 Health, Education and Welfare; and the members of the Alaska
11 delegation in Congress.

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