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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to state action re-
6 garding regional high schools
7 and dormitories for children
8 from rural areas.

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

10 WHEREAS it has been established that too many Native and non-
11 Native students of high school age in Alaska are denied a high
12 school education because of the lack of high schools in rural
13 areas or because of the lack of proper facilities and teaching
14 standards, they receive an inadequate high school-type education;
15 and

16 WHEREAS the federal approach to providing a high school edu-
17 cation to rural Native children has been to send them far from
18 their homes in other parts of the state or to other states, an
19 approach which has been expensive, limited in coverage, and not in
20 the best interests of the children, their families and the state;
21 and

22 WHEREAS while most of the students involved are the responsi-
23 bility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs it behooves the state to
24 actively participate in cooperation with the school boards and
25 administrators in populated areas which have expandable school
26 facilities to explore and take action on avenues of solution of
27 this pressing problem;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to
29 urge the State Board of Education and direct the Department of

1 Education to proceed immediately in consultation with the Bureau
2 of Indian Affairs, local school board and officials, other state
3 agencies and interested organizations to make plans and arrange-
4 ments for providing a proper high school education for rural
5 children not now able to receive that education but who could be
6 housed in dormitories in populated areas nearest their homes which
7 now have or could expand their high school facilities to meet the
8 responsibility of the state and federal government to provide all
9 children with a high school education; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education and the
11 Department of Education give this matter priority attention in
12 order that planning, funding, and accomplishment can be realized
13 without delay.

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