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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the broadening of
opportunities for a high school
education by the Bureau of
Indian Affairs.

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

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs now accommodates as
many high school students from the remote areas of the state as
possible at its Mt. Edgecumbe School near Sitka; and

WHEREAS this schooling now involves traveling of great dis-
tances for most of the students and keeps them far from their
homes for the greater part of the year; and

WHEREAS the limited facilities at Mt. Edgecumbe and the
reluctance of parents to have their children so far from home for
so long a time is restricting the number of Native youth receiving
a high school education; and

WHEREAS many of these students not having high school facili-
ties in their immediate areas could receive a high school educa-
tion nearer home if the public school facilities in major
population centers were used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs by
making provision for dormitory facilities or housing in private
homes near the public schools and contributing a proportionate
share of the cost of educating these pupils;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested
to survey the possibility and feasibility of having Native students
from Northern and Western Alaska attend high schools in population

1 centers nearer their homes than Mt. Edgecumbe by providing dormi-
2 tory or private housing accommodations for these students and
3 contributing to the expense of their schooling; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
5 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
6 Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the
7 Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of
8 Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in
9 Congress.

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