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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the transfer of the  
6 Alaska Agricultural Experiment  
7 Station facilities and program  
8 responsibility from the United  
9 States Department of Agriculture  
10 to the University of Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state of the 50 states  
13 that does not have essentially complete control of its own agri-  
14 cultural experiment station; and

15 WHEREAS it would be beneficial to this state to have the  
16 United States Department of Agriculture:

17 (1) convey and transfer without monetary consideration  
18 to the University of Alaska the lands and buildings, together with  
19 improvements and appurtenances thereto, of the Alaska Agricultural  
20 Experiment Station at Palmer and Matanuska, Alaska; and

21 (2) allocate the direct federal funds, appropriated an-  
22 nually to the Agricultural Research Service for research in Alaska,  
23 to the proper Divisions of that Service exclusively for research  
24 in Alaska in cooperation with the University of Alaska's Agri-  
25 cultural Experiment Station, in order to operate the experiment  
26 station on a basis comparable with those in the other states; and

27 WHEREAS splitting the salaries between the federal government,  
28 the state government and the University of Alaska, and the con-  
29 fusion of personnel as to which agency they are answerable to is

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1 not for the best interests of research or the agencies involved;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, at one time, the University of Alaska was in charge  
4 of the experimental station but lost that status due to an Act of  
5 Congress, but now the University having gained stature, the  
6 Department of Agriculture believes that Alaska can take its place  
7 with the other 49 states, if suitable legislation is passed by  
8 Congress;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States pass a  
10 bill authorizing and directing the Department of Agriculture to  
11 convey and transfer to the University of Alaska the lands and  
12 buildings, together with improvements and appurtenances thereto,  
13 of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station at Palmer and  
14 Matanuska, Alaska; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
16 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;  
17 the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; and  
18 the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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