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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to expenditures by the
6 Bureau of Indian Affairs for
7 education in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs has indicated plans to
10 expand the Mount Edgecumbe Native High School and other existing
11 Bureau of Indian Affairs high schools and to build new high
12 schools; and

13 WHEREAS Bureau of Indian Affairs schools have proved to be
14 less effective than state and district schools in meeting the
15 educational needs of Native children; and

16 WHEREAS the Governor's Committee on Education has prepared,
17 and the State Department of Education has to some extent imple-
18 mented, a sound plan for improvement of education for children in
19 the rural areas of the state by a gradual integration of Bureau
20 of Indian Affairs facilities and resources with district and state
21 schools, particularly by educating Native children at district or
22 state schools located in population centers nearest the childrens'
23 homes with the Bureau of Indian Affairs financing and operating
24 boarding facilities; and

25 WHEREAS the implementation of this plan in an orderly manner
26 will not only result in more economical educational services, but
27 will also result in improved facilities, better educational pro-
28 grams, and will allow use of locations which are convenient to the
29 homes of the children and which offer the best exposure to job

1 opportunities;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is urgently
3 requested to reconsider expenditures for schools in Alaska and
4 to insure coordination of Bureau of Indian Affairs programs with
5 those of the state by directing the expenditures of the Bureau of
6 Indian Affairs toward the construction and operation of boarding
7 facilities at district and state schools which can offer edu-
8 cational services to Native pupils from outlying areas.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
10 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John W.
11 Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Honorable
12 Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen
13 Morken, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the
14 Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S.
15 Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative,
16 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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