

Introduced: 2/7/66
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ALL MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a presidential com-
6 mission for the Alaska Native.

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

8 WHEREAS it is the unanimous view of the Legislature of the
9 State of Alaska that a series of articles on "The Village People"
10 prepared by the staff of the ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, Anchorage,
11 Alaska, is an outstanding combination of well researched and well
12 written text supported in its excellence by the best in journal-
13 istic photography; and

14 WHEREAS the series of articles and supporting photographs on
15 "The Village People" has had a tremendous impact on the people of
16 Alaska and those around the nation, most of whom for the first
17 time have learned of the economic and social plight of the Alaska
18 native people as they strive to find their place as citizens in
19 a fast-moving and increasingly technical society; and

20 WHEREAS it is the conviction of the legislature that the
21 problem of the Alaska native citizen as ably revealed and described
22 by the efforts and reporting of the ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS is mainly
23 a federal one requiring conscientious and immediate attention
24 rather than the piecemeal, inadequate and disastrously uncoordin-
25 ated efforts of the present;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
27 combines its highest commendation of the service performed by
28 the ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS of Anchorage, Alaska, in preparing and
29 publishing its thoughtful and moving series of articles on

HJR 65 am

-1-

1 "The Village People" with an endorsement of its call for federal
2 action which the legislature earnestly commends to the attention
3 of the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States,
4 in the language of a summary statement found in the collection of
5 the ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS articles:

6 "We believe that nothing less is required, immediately,
7 than a Presidential commission for the Alaska native. Such
8 a commission should be headed by a nationally-respected
9 figure. It should look at the record, talk to the native
10 people and transcend the authority of existing agencies to
11 set up machinery for the restoration of the Alaska native
12 to a place of equality and dignity."

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
14 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
15 Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and
16 President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden,
18 President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,
19 Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and
20 the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
21 Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
22 delegation in Congress.