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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the federal government  
6 to allocate funds on a per capita  
7 basis to the state for the edu-  
8 cation of native pupils in Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS the federal government has historically and presently  
11 continues to assume a portion of the responsibility for services  
12 and expenditures necessary to insure that the native people of  
13 Alaska successfully accomplish the transition from a subsistence  
14 culture to the modern Alaska culture; and

15 WHEREAS the state, through its "Overall Education Plan for  
16 Rural Alaska" dated May 25, 1963, and pursuant to the "Alaska  
17 State Plan for Administration of Johnson-O'Malley Funds" dated and  
18 amended November 15, 1965, is gradually assuming the title to  
19 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools; and

20 WHEREAS pursuant to the "Agreement of Understanding on Edu-  
21 cational Policies", dated March 1, 1962, the Bureau of Indian  
22 Affairs has recognized that there should be a plan which will  
23 involve assumption by the state of educational responsibilities  
24 to native children, pursuant to the plan, and has agreed that such  
25 planning "of necessity will include federal financial participa-  
26 tion;" and

27 WHEREAS the state is now implementing a plan for a system of  
28 regional high schools which will provide native and non-native  
29 children a comprehensive education and will do so under conditions

1 which will facilitate all phases of the cultural transition to an  
2 exceptional extent; and

3 WHEREAS natives of Alaska in the pre-transition period are  
4 unable to contribute substantially to the cost of this system  
5 resulting in an undue burden on the state and local districts;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully  
7 requested to continue allocating funds to the state and local  
8 school districts for the education of native pupils, and that this  
9 be done on a per capita basis for each native pupil enrolled; and  
10 be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that in allocating funds under this new  
12 approach there be consideration of the existing base and the  
13 potential of the economic environment from which pupils originate,  
14 the amount of funds that have been brought to bear in past,  
15 existing efforts to provide education, and the present and pro-  
16 jected capacity and resources of the state and district school  
17 systems in which the native pupils will be educated.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable  
19 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable  
20 Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and  
21 Insular Affairs; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate  
22 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Stewart  
23 L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John W. Gardner,  
24 Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Philleo  
25 Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen Morken,  
26 Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable E.L.  
27 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and  
28 the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of  
29 the Alaska delegation in Congress.