

1 IN THE HOUSE BY TAYLOR AND SHELDON

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to federal support in
6 the transfer of Bureau of Indian
7 Affairs schools to the State of
8 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS for many years the Alaska Native Service, more
11 recently known as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the
12 Interior, has been responsible for the education of the Native
13 children of the Territory and now the State of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS the Alaska Native Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs
15 have made good progress in carrying out the responsibilities of
16 the federal government to the Natives of Alaska, and especially
17 in the field of educating the children of Alaska's Native popula-
18 tion; and

19 WHEREAS the schools operated and maintained by the Department
20 of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been
21 segregated schools with Caucasian children being denied admission
22 to those schools; and

23 WHEREAS in recent years the various Secretaries of the Interior
24 and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have expressed a willingness and
25 desire that the educational responsibilities of the Bureau be
26 placed in the State of Alaska; and

27 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is willing to accept the responsi-
28 bility for the education of all its children of school age; and

29 WHEREAS recent federal laws and decisions of the U. S. Supreme

1 Court have provided that there shall be no segregated public
2 schools in the states of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has now become able to take over
4 the responsibility for the education of all its children regard-
5 less of race, creed, and national origin, and is desirous of
6 doing so;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, through
8 its Bureau of Indian Affairs, transfer to the State of Alaska all
9 schools in Alaska and all physical property used in connection
10 with the operation of those schools at such time as the State of
11 Alaska can assume the financial burden incidental to their opera-
12 tion; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that when transfer to the state is accom-
14 plished the federal government continue to participate in the
15 support of the schools to the extent of 90 per cent of what it
16 now expends in support of the segregated schools for the Native
17 children in the state.

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
19 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
20 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo
21 Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable E. L.
22 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and
23 the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of
24 the Alaska delegation in Congress.