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1 IN THE SENATE

BY ALL SENATE MEMBERS

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the announced
6 closure of the Alaska regional
7 office of the Veterans Adminis-
8 tration.

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

10 WHEREAS the Administrator of the Veterans Affairs has
11 announced the closure of the Alaska regional office and the trans-
12 fer of its functions to the Seattle, Washington office; and

13 WHEREAS the services to which the veterans in Alaska are
14 legally entitled cannot be efficiently and fairly administered
15 from the State of Washington because of the time lapses caused by
16 distance, the chances of interrupted mail service, the expense of
17 long-distance communication, the lack of knowledge of the problems
18 and conditions peculiar to Alaska, the inherent insufficiency of
19 written communication in regard to continuing problems, and the
20 isolation of the beneficiaries of the veteran's programs from
21 their advisors;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs is
23 requested to rescind the decision to close the Alaska regional
24 office; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent
26 to the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United
27 States and President of the Senate; the Honorable Carl Hayden,
28 President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W.
29 McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Lister Hill,

SJR 7 am

1 Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee; the Honorable
2 Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs; the
3 Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honor-
4 able W. J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; and the
5 members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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