

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Bureau of
6 Indian Affairs school at
7 Unalakleet.

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

9 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Unalakleet
10 now provides schooling only through the tenth year; and

11 WHEREAS the William E. Beltz School in Nome concentrates
12 on vocational education for students from northern and western
13 Alaska in a program complementary to that of the Bureau of Indian
14 Affairs schools in the district; and

15 WHEREAS the William E. Beltz School at Nome is not adequate
16 to serve all potential students of the area seeking something
17 beyond an elementary school or junior high school education; and

18 WHEREAS an extension of the school program at the Unalakleet
19 school through the twelfth year and the inclusion in its curricu-
20 lum of useful industrial arts courses would help meet the demand,
21 and broaden the opportunities, of students in the area now served
22 and which could be served by that school; and

23 WHEREAS there is also no gymnasium at the Unalakleet school
24 and the lack of such a facility prevents an adequate physical
25 fitness program; and

26 WHEREAS the school at Unalakleet has inadequate housing for
27 teachers and students, thereby making it exceedingly difficult
28 to maintain a teaching staff and causing undue hardships and
29 burdens on the student body;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is urgently
2 requested to make the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Unalak-
3 leet a twelve-year school and to expand its curriculum to include
4 useful industrial arts courses; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is re-
6 spectfully urged to construct a gymnasium and adequate housing
7 facilities for teachers and students at the school in Unalakleet;
8 and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
10 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
11 Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education
12 and Welfare; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian
13 Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area Director, Bureau
14 of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in
15 Congress.

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