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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction
6 and improvement of sanitation
7 facilities in Indian and Native
8 communities.

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

10 WHEREAS federal law places full responsibility and authority
11 for the construction of sanitation facilities for Indian and
12 Native communities in the United States upon U. S. Public Health
13 Service; and

14 WHEREAS the objective of the federal law is to protect the
15 health of Indian and Native people by improving the environment
16 in which they live and by developing their ability to maintain
17 sanitation facilities; and

18 WHEREAS there are Indian and Native communities in the United
19 States in serious need of improved community water supply and
20 sewage facilities, and these facilities are of prime importance
21 to the health and development of these communities; and

22 WHEREAS the Public Health Service and the Bureau of Indian
23 Affairs have stated that, with the present funds available, the
24 sanitation level of many Indian and Native communities will not
25 be improved for 20 years; and

26 WHEREAS a prolonged period of unsanitary health conditions
27 for Indians and Native communities in the United States will exist
28 unless there is a 50 per cent increase in the funds available to
29 the Public Health Service for the construction and improvement of
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1 sanitation facilities in these communities;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is
3 urgently requested to increase by 50 per cent the funds available
4 to the Surgeon General for the construction and improvement of
5 sanitation facilities in Indian and Native communities in the
6 United States; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
8 the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United
9 States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W.
10 McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Carl Hayden,
11 President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Anthony J.
12 Celebrezze, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and
13 Welfare; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior
14 and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall,
15 Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the
16 Honorable Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General, Public Health Service;
17 the Honorable Doctor Holman R. Wherritt, Area Medical Director,
18 Alaska Native Health Service; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett
19 and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
20 Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-
21 gation in Congress.

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