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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the appointment by the
6 Governor of a Rural Affairs Co-
7 ordinator.

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

9 WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the people of Alaska in recent
10 years that the rural population of the state has many unique and serious
11 problems which need immediate attention; and

12 WHEREAS many proposals, including the creation of the Department of
13 Rural Affairs, have been suggested in an attempt to alleviate the rural
14 problem; and

15 WHEREAS it is the feeling of most of the rural population that such a
16 department could easily lead to a bureaucratic appendage of the state
17 government in future years; and

18 WHEREAS it is believed that appointment of a Rural Affairs Coordinator,
19 under the Office of the Governor, would be the most simple, efficient and
20 effective method for solving the problems of the rural areas;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully
22 requests the Governor to appoint a Rural Affairs Coordinator who would have
23 the duties of coordinating the problems from rural level through the existing
24 agencies and departments and act as a liaison for the rural people to the
25 Governor, existing state departments, and the federal government; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor appoint, from a list of candidates
27 submitted by the Rural Affairs Commission, a Rural Affairs Advisory Board
28 consisting of nine members having the functions of advising and assisting
29 the coordinator in carrying out his duties.

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