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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to support for the imple-
6 mentation of Public Law 89-749.

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

8 WHEREAS Public Law 89-749 was passed by the 89th Congress and provides
9 for the designation and the establishment of a single health agency as the
10 sole means for administering and supervising state health planning functions;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the present duplication of health efforts by the Alaska Depart-
13 ment of Health and Welfare and the United States Public Health Service
14 through the Alaska Native Health Service is economically wasteful and makes
15 for great difficulty in obtaining qualified professional talent; and

16 WHEREAS the medical care received under the present duplication of
17 effort and division of responsibility is notoriously poor for many Alaska
18 residents, and especially for those living in the rural areas of the state;
19 and

20 WHEREAS precedent exists for the expenditure of Federal funds by and
21 under the supervision of the state and the employment of Federal medical
22 officers by the state without loss of rank, seniority or prerequisites;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Congress is hereby urged to
24 implement the provisions of Public Law 89-749 with respect to Alaska at the
25 earliest possible time in order to eliminate the current duplication of
26 effort.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
28 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. Gardner,
29 Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Honorable
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1 **E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the**
2 **Honorable Howard W. Follock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska**
3 **delegation in Congress.**

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