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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Native schools in the  
6 State of Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Congress has passed legislation integrating  
9 our schools in order that class distinction based on color, race, or previous  
10 conditions of servitude might cease to exist; and

11 WHEREAS we in Alaska still have schools which separate our Natives from  
12 other children; and

13 WHEREAS a consistent policy of integration applied throughout our nation  
14 would abolish all Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS Alaska is not in a position to provide complete funding of our  
16 obligation to provide equal and adequate educational advantages to all our  
17 people without federal financial assistance; and

18 WHEREAS there is a difference in teachers' salaries and school supplies  
19 furnished where two or more types of schools exist in the same state; and

20 WHEREAS there exists a precedent for the state to operate schools  
21 through contract between the State Department of Education and the Bureau  
22 of Indian Affairs;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States and the United  
24 States Congress are earnestly requested to take all necessary action to turn  
25 the obligation of providing equal educational opportunity for all Alaska  
26 children over to the Department of Education of the State of Alaska and to  
27 provide federal funds equal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs educational  
28 budget.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.

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1 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President  
2 Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the  
3 House of Representatives; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the  
4 Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs;  
5 and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S.  
6 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members  
7 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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