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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to medical and dental treat-
6 ment in the rural areas of the state.

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

8 WHEREAS regular medical and dental treatment is of vital importance
9 for the maintenance of the general health and well-being of every citizen;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in most of the rural areas of the state where living conditions
12 are substantially below standard, the lack of proper medical and dental
13 treatment creates the possibility of disease in epidemic proportion, causing
14 among other things, the highest infant mortality rate in the nation and an
15 extremely low life expectancy; and

16 WHEREAS the present staff of the United States Public Health Service in
17 Alaska is of insufficient numbers to provide even the minimum medical and
18 dental service to the rural areas;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifth State Legislature urgently requests the
20 United States Public Health Service to increase and upgrade the entire Alaska
21 operation in order to enable a medical doctor to visit each rural village at
22 least twice a year and a qualified dentist to visit each rural village at
23 least once a year.

24 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable John W. Gardner,
25 Department of Health, Education and Welfare; The Honorable William H.
26 Stewart, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; and The
27 Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and
28 The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
29 delegation in Congress.

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