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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal retirement, pen-
6 sions, and social security payments made
7 to the senior citizens residing in
8 Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS federal civil service employees in Alaska are allowed a 25 per
11 cent differential in pay to compensate for the high living costs in Alaska;
12 and

13 WHEREAS senior citizens residing in Alaska receiving either federal
14 civil service retirement annuity, military retirement pay, social security
15 payments, veterans disability, or veterans pensions are not allowed a dif-
16 ferential in their payments; and

17 WHEREAS the average overall cost of living in Alaska is more than 25
18 per cent higher than the cost of living in the contiguous 48 states; and

19 WHEREAS the high cost of living in Alaska compels many senior Alaskan
20 citizens to leave Alaska and move to other states where the living costs are
21 less expensive and more in conformity with their pensions, retirement pay,
22 or social security income; and

23 WHEREAS past and current inflationary and rising costs of living make
24 it increasingly difficult for senior citizens, residing in Alaska and de-
25 pending upon fixed retirement incomes or pensions, to purchase the necessi-
26 ties of living;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is requested to
28 enact legislation which would permit the 25 per cent cost of living allow-
29 ance currently added to the federal civil service pay scale of federal

1 employees in Alaska to be incorporated into the payment schedules of
2 federal civil service retirement annuity, military retirement pay, social
3 security benefits, veterans disability compensation, and veterans pensions
4 for citizens residing in Alaska.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
6 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Presi-
7 dent Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of
8 the House; the Honorable Henry H. Fowler, Secretary of the Treasury; the
9 Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable John W.
10 Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Robert
11 M. Ball, Commissioner of Social Security Administration; the Honorable
12 John W. Macy, Chairman, U.S. Civil Service Commission; the Honorable W.J.
13 Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett
14 and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard
15 W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
16 Congress.

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