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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the development of training  
6 programs in oil drilling operations  
7 for the people of Alaska's Arctic.

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

9 WHEREAS it is essential to the future development and well-being of  
10 Alaska that all of its citizens be given the opportunity to acquire the  
11 education and training needed to improve their ways of life; and

12 WHEREAS the Eskimos and Indians of rural Alaska have the ability and  
13 desire to work in the oil fields of the North Slope but lack the training  
14 to be hired; and

15 WHEREAS the Province of Alberta in Canada has established a petroleum  
16 training center where men are trained to become drillers' assistants; and

17 WHEREAS because in late 1968 the Alberta training center began to get  
18 a new kind of pupil - Indians and Eskimos from Canada's Arctic - the program  
19 became even more successful; and

20 WHEREAS it has been found that the Canadian Arctic Indian and Eskimo  
21 make excellent workers because they learn drilling technology quickly and  
22 understand the winter cold on northern drilling rigs; and

23 WHEREAS the training received at the Alberta center has not only pro-  
24 vided well-paying jobs for Native people who have had to rely on laborer's  
25 wages or their indigenous abilities as hunters and fishermen but has also  
26 decreased markedly oil rig accidents;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Labor, the Anchorage Community  
28 College and labor unions with available training funds take the necessary  
29 steps to develop training programs in oil drilling operations for the

1 people of Alaska's Arctic.

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