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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a statewide rural

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preschool program.

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

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WHEREAS the State Legislature, reflecting the advice of educators and
9 citizenry, has recognized the need for a preschool program for every child
10 in rural Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., a statewide
12 Community Action Agency, has been successfully operating sixty-one Native
13 staffed Head Start classes in forty-two villages during the last five years;
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WHEREAS the RurALCAP Head Start program has received both parental
16 and local community support for its philosophies as documented most recently
17 in the Report of the Governor's Cross Cultural Education Commission; and

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WHEREAS RurALCAP has submitted a proposal which would immediately
19 initiate Head Start programs in all rural villages and a teacher training
20 program to prepare indigenous teachers for certification under proposed new
21 preschool standards; and

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WHEREAS RurALCAP has offered, subject to U.S. Department of Health,
23 Education and Welfare approval, to prepare a five-year schedule to transfer
24 rural Head Start programs to the State Department of Education;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
26 the Commissioner of Education to confer with RurALCAP and assist them in
27 developing workable preschool and teacher training programs to submit to
28 the First Session of the Seventh Legislature.

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