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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to social security payments
6 to the senior citizens of Alaska.

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

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

11 WHEREAS senior Alaskan citizens receiving social security payments are
12 not allowed a differential in their payments; and

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

15 WHEREAS the high cost of living in Alaska compels many senior Alaskan
16 citizens to leave Alaska and move to other states where the living costs are
17 less expensive and more in conformity with their social security income; and

18 WHEREAS past and current inflationary and rising costs of living make
19 it increasingly difficult for senior citizens, residing in Alaska and de-
20 pending upon fixed incomes or pensions, to purchase the necessities of
21 living; and

22 WHEREAS members of congress have recently taken positive action to
23 offset the effects of inflation by granting to themselves a 41% increase
24 in their own salaries;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is requested to
26 enact legislation which would permit the 25 per cent differential currently
27 used in the federal civil service pay scale to be incorporated into the
28 benefit payment scale of social security for Alaskan citizens.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Russell,
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker
3 of the House; the Honorable Robert Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and
4 Welfare; the Honorable Robert M. Ball, Commissioner of Social Security
5 Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
6 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representa-
7 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.