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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MOSES AND HOHMAN

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the transfer of BIA

6 schools to the state.

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

8 WHEREAS public education of all children within Alaska is a primary
9 responsibility of the State of Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS there is an official state plan set out in "An Overall Education
11 Plan for Rural Alaska" calling for the gradual transfer of Bureau of Indian
12 Affairs schools to state administration; and

13 WHEREAS there needs to be attention drawn to this plan;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is respectfully re-
15 quested to conduct a study with the objective of entering into negotiations
16 with the Alaska Department of Education concerning the immediate transfer of
17 schools into state administration; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be requested to give
19 special consideration to the following plan: (1) an immediate assumption
20 by Alaska of the administration of all BIA schools, and (2) the annual pay-
21 ment to the state by the BIA of a sum equal to that expended on the schools
22 for operation and maintenance with a 20-year gradual phase-out of the pay-
23 ments.

24 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert L.
25 Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Charles A. Richmond,
26 Area Director for Alaska, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted
27 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
28 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
29 Congress.