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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to settlement of the Native  
6 Land Claims.

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

8 WHEREAS Congress is the only body that has the power to settle Native  
9 Land Claims; and

10 WHEREAS Congress has long neglected its duty to settle the claims; and

11 WHEREAS the economy, health, and education of the Natives cannot be  
12 brought to a reasonable standard without an immediate, sizeable, and fair  
13 settlement; and

14 WHEREAS the settlement is a federal responsibility; and

15 WHEREAS no state ever before participated in such a settlement; and

16 WHEREAS we acknowledge this is not a matter easily settled by Congress;

17 and

18 WHEREAS the state has not previously had the financial ability to assume  
19 all government services to the Native population;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature requests a federal settlement  
21 in the year 1970 and offers its assistance to Congress in reaching its final  
22 settlement; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislature generally supports the previously  
24 announced position of the Alaska Governor, i.e. providing \$500,000,000 in  
25 cash and the Native village lands as well as lands for expansion; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislature acknowledges its duty and new-  
27 found ability to improve the living standard of our Natives; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska believes in the total integra-  
29 tion of all Alaskans into one society, and as citizens of the state the

1 Natives should not be segregated or set apart by the granting of special  
2 taxes, treatment, or gratuities; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislature desires that whatever settlement  
4 Congress grants, the benefits of the settlement go to the Native people and  
5 not to one or more corporate bodies for an extended period of time.

6       COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Henry M.  
7 Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the  
8 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs  
9 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
10 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,  
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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