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Referred: Health, Welfare
and Education and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the transfer of the opera-
6 tion of the BIA schools to the State of
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is aware of the efforts of the Native
10 peoples to gain a settlement of their land claims from the Congress of the
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS it has been contended by many persons in and out of the Congress
13 that the state should contribute to the settlement of these land claims; and

14 WHEREAS there is not now nor has there been in the past any unanimity
15 of Alaskans behind the idea that the state should contribute to the settle-
16 ment of the Native land claims; and

17 WHEREAS there now exists within the state a segregated system of educa-
18 tion, involving some 67 schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

19 WHEREAS almost the entire student body of these schools is composed
20 solely of the Native peoples of Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS the state is committed to the take-over and operation of these
22 schools within the next five years;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
24 quests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to transfer immediate control and direc-
25 tion of all 67 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, including the two boarding
26 schools at Mt. Edgecumbe and Wrangell, to the State of Alaska, and that the
27 money saved by the federal government from this action be considered a
28 contribution of the State of Alaska to the Native land claims settlement; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of the State of Alaska is

1 respectfully requested to direct the Commissioner of Education to prepare
2 and submit to the Sixth Alaska State Legislature all data related to the
3 basic operations of these schools, in addition to the steps necessary for
4 complete integration of this presently segregated school system.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
7 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce,
8 Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Charles A.
9 Richmond, Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Dr. Cliff R.
10 Hartman, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education; and to the Honorable
11 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
12 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
13 Congress.