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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 124

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the funding of PHS-121 Kotzebue
6 water and sewage project.

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

8 WHEREAS the City of Kotzebue is in critical need of a community-wide
9 system to provide running water for the health and well-being of its inhabi-
10 tants; and

11 WHEREAS there is also a critical need for a community-wide system for
12 sewage disposal in order to provide for the health and well-being of
13 Kotzebue inhabitants and to guard against further pollution of the surround-
14 ing environment; and

15 WHEREAS the city is financially unable to provide for the construction
16 of either of the above urgently needed systems; and

17 WHEREAS the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, acting through
18 the Public Health Service under the authority of Public Law 86-121, realized
19 the existence of these deplorable conditions and has undertaken to build the
20 above much needed systems (and has completed a fraction of the project), but
21 has to date been denied funds with which to complete the project; and

22 WHEREAS the delay or failure to construct both of the above systems
23 can only serve as a serious detriment to the inhabitants of Kotzebue; and

24 WHEREAS the initial training and employment of the village people on
25 the constructing of this project is lost, resulting in the severe economic
26 depression of the village;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth State Legislature urges that the commit-
28 ment to the people of Kotzebue, Alaska to provide a healthy water supply
29 and safe sewage disposal system be honored and that funding of this vital

1 project be made.

2 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard B.
3 Russell, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable
4 Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Com-
5 mittee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations
6 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Interior
7 and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
9 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.