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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQ.

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 132

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging enactment of the U. S. Senate
6 Committee on Interior and Insular
7 Affairs bill proposing a settlement
8 of the Alaska Native land claims.

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

10 WHEREAS the immediate need for a fair and just settlement of the
11 Alaska Native land claims is of the utmost importance to and is in the best
12 interests of every Alaskan, whether the basis of his concern or motivation
13 is justice, legality, the state's social or economic welfare, or otherwise;
14 and

15 WHEREAS a generous federal grant of land and money to the Alaska
16 Natives, in compensation for rights extinguished by legislation, is essential
17 to meaningfully provide them the option of joining the social and economic
18 mainstream of Alaskan life; and

19 WHEREAS the state is planning for the assumption of the responsibility
20 for the education, housing, health, welfare, and public safety of all of its
21 citizens, including those presently served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
22 and

23 WHEREAS the U. S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has
24 recently reached agreement on a bill proposing a settlement of the Alaska
25 Native land claims;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature, recognizing the urgency of
27 the need for settlement of these claims, and recognizing that no bill on
28 this subject will completely satisfy all Alaskans in every respect, supports
29 legislation such as that prepared by the U. S. Senate Committee on Interior

1 and Insular Affairs, and urges Congressional enactment of a settlement
2 during this session.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice
5 President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary,
6 Department of the Interior; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker, U. S.
7 House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro
8 Tempore, U. S. Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and
9 Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N.
10 Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman, Committee on Interior and
11 Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
12 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representa-
13 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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