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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the B.I.A. to upgrade certain

6 schools to 12 year schools.

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

8 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools at Unalakleet, Point
9 Barrow and Kotzebue presently provide an education only through the 10th grade
10 for the growing populations of those towns; and

11 WHEREAS, if a child desires to complete a full high school curriculum,
12 he must travel to another area of the state or even to a B.I.A. school in
13 another state, either of which requires him to be separated from his home by
14 a great distance for an extended period of time; and

15 WHEREAS this separation results in unnecessary hardships and suffering
16 for the child and his parents, as well as weakening the family situation, and
17 subjecting the child to a deprivation of contact with the home, family and
18 friends he is comfortable and happy with during his formative teen-age years;
19 and

20 WHEREAS it is necessary for a rational education policy and for the
21 betterment of those students who live in and around Unalakleet, Point Barrow
22 and Kotzebue to upgrade those schools to 12 year schools with a full high
23 school curriculum;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to provide
25 a full high school education through the 12th grade in the schools at
26 Unalakleet, Point Barrow and Kotzebue.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.
28 Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Com-
29 missioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Charles A. Richmond, Area Director

1 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
2 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
3 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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