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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the B.I.A. to upgrade
6 certain 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, Kotzebue and Hooper Bay presently provide an education only through
10 the 10th grade 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 infrastructure
17 and subjecting the child to a deprivation of contact with the home, family
18 and friends he is comfortable and happy with during his formative teen-age
19 years; 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 pro-
25 vide a full high school education through the 12th grade in the schools at
26 Unalakleet, Point Barrow, Kotzebue and Hooper Bay.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.
28 Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commis-
29 sioner 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.
3 Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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