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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to settlement of Alaska
6 native land claims.

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

8 WHEREAS the legislature continues to view settlement of the Alaska
9 native land claims to be of utmost importance to the well-being of Alaskan
10 natives as well as to the future development of the State of Alaska for the
11 benefit of all Alaskans; and

12 WHEREAS the Governor has declared the principles which as chief execu-
13 tive charged with defending the state constitution he believes necessary or
14 prudent in guiding legislative resolution of the Alaska native land claims;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, as the Governor has declared, responsibility for settlement
17 clearly rests with the Congress of the United States, since the question
18 for settlement is what compensation should be paid to Alaska's natives for
19 lands allegedly taken by the federal government, a determination which must
20 be made by Congress;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully urges prompt enactment
22 by the Congress of the United States of legislation which equitably and
23 comprehensively resolves Alaska native land claims in conformity with the
24 principle that responsibility for settlement rests with Congress and that
25 state participation, monetary or otherwise, properly should not be a part
26 of the settlement.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice
29 President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary

1 of the Interior; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker, U. S. House of
2 Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore,
3 U. S. Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and Chairman,
4 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U. S. Senate; the Honorable Wayne
5 N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman, Committee on Interior and
6 Insular Affairs, U. S. House of Representatives, and to the Honorable Ted
7 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
8 Howard M. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
9 in Congress.

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