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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the payment of full cost
6 of care by federal agencies to non-
7 governmental hospitals when federal
8 beneficiaries are served on a contract
9 basis.

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

11 WHEREAS various federal agencies contract with nongovernmental hospitals
12 to provide care for persons for whom the federal government has assumed
13 responsibility; and

14 WHEREAS these federal agencies commonly do not pay the full costs of
15 the care contracted for; and

16 WHEREAS these nongovernmental hospitals are forced to recoup the finan-
17 cial losses incurred from this arrangement by increasing the costs of ser-
18 vices provided to private patients; and

19 WHEREAS, by not paying the full cost of care for federal beneficiaries,
20 the United States government is contributing directly to the greatly increas-
21 ing costs of hospitalization and to the concurrent snowballing of the
22 financial burdens on individuals requiring hospitalization; and

23 WHEREAS it is only equitable and just that the federal government
24 assume its full share of the cost of the medical services for which it con-
25 tracts;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska Legislature requests the Congress
27 to require by law that federal agencies pay to nongovernmental hospitals the
28 full costs of care for persons for whom those agencies have assumed responsi-
29 bility.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John W.
2 McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B.
3 Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted
4 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
5 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
6 Congress.

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