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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting a fair and equitable settle-
6 ment of the Alaska Native land claims.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Native remains as he has for more than a century,
9 without title or the security it affords on lands that he and his ancestors
10 have occupied and used for generations; and

11 WHEREAS the Alaska Native neither deserves nor wishes to continue as a
12 "ward" of the government, in a self-perpetuating "second class citizenship";
13 and

14 WHEREAS until the Native land claims issue is settled, the social and
15 economic progress of the Alaska Native -- indeed of all Alaska -- will
16 continue to be seriously impeded and diverted from its rightful pace; and

17 WHEREAS the United States Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee
18 has recently approved and reported to the Senate a bill which would author-
19 ize a combination of cash payments, mineral royalties and land selections
20 in settlement of the Native land claims;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature, in recognition
22 of the importance of this issue to every Alaskan citizen, strongly urges
23 and supports a fair and equitable, early settlement of the Alaska Native
24 land claims; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature commends
26 Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, and the members of the Senate Interior
27 and Insular Affairs Committee for their diligence in researching the Native
28 lands question and their efforts in bringing the matter before the Senate.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

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

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