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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to settlement of the Alaska

6 Native land claims.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature, in enacting the Alaska Native Land  
9 Claims State Settlement Act of 1968, AS 38.30, has declared the state's  
10 policy "to join with the federal government in a legislative effort to pro-  
11 vide a fair, speedy and equitable method for the settlement and satisfaction  
12 of the Alaska Native land claims", and proposed a program of joint federal  
13 and state legislative action to settle the land claims; and

14 WHEREAS the immediate need for a fair and just settlement of the land  
15 claims is of the utmost importance to and is in the best interests of every  
16 Alaskan, whether the basis of his concern or motivation is justice, legality,  
17 the state's social or economic welfare, or otherwise; and

18 WHEREAS a generous federal grant of land and money to the Alaska  
19 Natives, in compensation for rights extinguished by legislation, is essential  
20 to meaningfully provide them the option of joining the social and economic  
21 mainstream of Alaskan life; and

22 WHEREAS the state is planning for the early assumption of the responsi-  
23 bility for the education, housing, health, welfare, and public safety of all  
24 of its citizens, including those presently served by the Bureau of Indian  
25 Affairs; and

26 WHEREAS, although settlement of the claims is primarily a federal  
27 responsibility, the legislature nevertheless anticipates making a fair and  
28 reasonable state contribution to the settlement;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska State Legislature, in recognition

1 of the vital importance of this issue to every Alaskan, strongly urges the  
2 Congress of the United States to enact a fair, equitable and early settle-  
3 ment of the Alaska Native land claims, and expresses its intent to partici-  
4 pate and cooperate in such a settlement.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice  
7 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S.  
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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