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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the distribution of the
6 settlement of the Alaska Native land
7 claims.

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

9 WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance that in the final extinguishment
10 of aboriginal rights any monetary settlement be distributed to the primary
11 recipients who are the Alaska Natives; and

12 WHEREAS, regardless of the amount of any monetary settlement that might
13 be agreed upon by the United States Congress, it is inevitable that persons
14 who do not have the best interests of the Alaska Native at heart will
15 attempt to share, to the fullest extent possible, in the money awarded by
16 Congress; and

17 WHEREAS any monetary settlement agreed to by Congress will undoubtedly
18 be of such magnitude that the distribution of the proceeds will lend itself
19 to the whims and caprice of certain professional persons as well as being
20 extremely vulnerable to influence of a political nature;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
22 Congress, at such time as an accord on the settlement of Native land claims
23 is reached, specifically provide in the claims legislation that proceeds
24 of the monetary settlement shall be distributed only to the designated
25 Native recipients, and that under no circumstances shall any of the pro-
26 ceeds be used, directly or indirectly for any political activity, whether
27 on the local, state, or national level, and further that the claims legis-
28 lation provide that no person shall profit as a result of activities
29 connected with the acquisition of the settlement except the Alaska Native;

1 and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress should provide for
3 penalties for any misuse of the Native land claims funds as may be set out
4 in the final claims legislation.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
7 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,
8 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honor-
9 able Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and
10 Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
11 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative,
12 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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