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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the adequate funding
6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for
7 educational purposes for Alaskans.

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

9 WHEREAS current appropriations for the construction of schools operated
10 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are at the lowest level in many years; and

11 WHEREAS a majority of the present facilities being utilized in Alaska,
12 both day and boarding, do not meet Bureau or state standards, either because
13 of their condition or because of overcrowding; and

14 WHEREAS, because of the presently inadequate funding level, the
15 physical facilities being operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs will
16 continue to deteriorate; and

17 WHEREAS the lack of proper physical facilities has a very serious effect
18 on the quality of the educational program which can be offered; and

19 WHEREAS money spent on the education of Alaska's Native people is a
20 vital investment in the future of Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS a serious gap already exists between the educational needs of
22 Alaska's Native people and the demonstrated ability of the State of Alaska
23 or the federal government to meet those needs;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Alaska Legislature that the Department
25 of the Interior is urged to request vitally needed additional money for the
26 operation and construction of Bureau of Indian Affairs educational facilities
27 in Alaska; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Congress is urged to appropriate
29 sufficient funds to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the construction and

1 operation of Bureau educational facilities in Alaska to ensure Alaska's
2 Native people the opportunity of a quality education.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
4 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce,
5 Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender,
6 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the
7 Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House
8 Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and
9 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the
10 Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House
11 Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
12 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
13 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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