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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the advancement of
6 funds to be due under the Native
7 Claims Settlement Act.

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

9 WHEREAS, under terms of the Native Claims Settlement Act, P. L. 92-203,
10 a condition precedent to the receipt of the initial money payment is the
11 creation and organization of 12 regional corporations; and

12 WHEREAS the initial money payment under the terms of the Act will not
13 be made by the federal government until the fiscal year the Act actually
14 becomes effective; and

15 WHEREAS certain officials of the Department of the Interior have
16 initially taken the position that the effective time of the Act will not
17 be until the two-year enrollment period has expired; and

18 WHEREAS it will be impossible for the existing regional Alaska Native
19 associations to carry out the responsibilities required of them under the
20 Act if funds with which to operate are not forthcoming within the immediate
21 future; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to the above, the Bureau of Land Management needs
23 money immediately to begin certain survey requirements under the Act, the
24 Bureau of Indian Affairs needs immediate funds to carry out the enrollment
25 features of the Act, the U. S. Court of Claims needs money for the perfor-
26 mance of its required functions under the Act, and funding of an immediate
27 nature is required in order to begin to make viable the joint federal-state
28 land use planning entity envisioned under the settlement;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the

1 United States is respectfully urged to release from his contingency fund,
2 adequate money to ensure the immediate implementation of the various sections
of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, said money to be repaid from
the initial payment of \$12.5 million that will be forthcoming under the
5 terms of the Act.

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