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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 137

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting that a new school be
6 constructed at Chevak, Alaska to
7 replace the one destroyed by fire.

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

9 WHEREAS on May 12th the seven-classroom Bureau of Indian Affairs school
10 at Chevak, Alaska was totally destroyed by fire; and

11 WHEREAS there are 153 children in grades 1 - 8 whose schooling was
12 disrupted by the disastrous fire; and

13 WHEREAS educational opportunities in rural Alaska are already limited
14 due to a great variety of economic and geographical factors; and

15 WHEREAS many young people in the villages have to be transported to other
16 areas of Alaska and to other states in order to get an education; and

17 WHEREAS, because most of the children affected by the Chevak fire are
18 too young to be sent away from home for the next school term, a new school
19 facility is desperately needed;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature requests the Bureau of Indian
21 Affairs to immediately program the construction of a new school building at
22 Chevak, Alaska this summer to replace the one destroyed by fire so that the
23 153 displaced pupils may continue their education in the fall school term
24 without further interruption.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
26 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commis-
27 sioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable James E. Hawkins, Director
28 of Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Morris Thompson, Area
29 Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the

1 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S.
2 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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