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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Arctic Health

6 Research Center.

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

8 WHEREAS the Arctic Health Research Center was established in 1948 to
9 conduct activities necessary in the investigation, prevention, treatment,
10 and control of diseases; and

11 WHEREAS since that time the Center has gained a world-renowned reputa-
12 tion for its work in cold-adaptive processes, cold as a factor in human
13 stress, the life cycles of parasites and host-parasite relationships peculiar
14 to the Arctic, and more recently for its work related to the biomedical and
15 environmental engineering needs of concerns planning Arctic activities, and
16 for its efforts related to a host of other projects too numerous to list;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, during the past three years, the Center has descended from a
19 line-item position in the budget of the Public Health Service to the level
20 of a subdivision in a bureau that is lost in the limbo of reorganization; and

21 WHEREAS current proposals would allow only 47 positions (down from 83
22 authorized in 1968), a level which could be expected to cripple or extinguish
23 most of the programs in progress at the Center; and

24 WHEREAS there is national recognition of Alaskan resources, human needs
25 and problems, all dictating continued research into the biomedical and
26 environmental fields in connection with the Arctic; and

27 WHEREAS THE Arctic Health Research Center is the only institution of
28 its kind in the United States;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the proposed reduced

1 funding for the Arctic Health Research Center is deplored and it urgently
2 requests the United States Congress to adequately fund the Center so it may
3 remain a viable entity; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that every consideration be given to the transfer of
5 the Center to a more active federal agency or in the alternative to permit
6 the transfer of the Center to the University of Alaska.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
8 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliott Richardson,
9 Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Allen
10 J. Ellender, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Com-
11 mittee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative and Chairman
12 of the House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
13 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
14 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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