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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a  
6 department of education with cabinet  
7 status.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Congress has seen fit to establish a variety  
10 of programs through which financial and other aid is available to state  
11 departments of education and to local school districts; and

12 WHEREAS the various federal programs are currently administered through  
13 many different federal agencies, resulting in duplication of effort and  
14 complications in the administration of the programs, at the national, state  
15 and local levels; and

16 WHEREAS this duplication of effort and multiplicity of federal agencies  
17 administering the various programs makes it extremely difficult for state  
18 and local administrators to identify and understand the many differing  
19 programs, thus endangering continuity in their operation;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress  
21 is urged to create, at the earliest possible time, a separate department of  
22 education to be administered by a secretary with cabinet-level status, said  
23 department to have among its duties, the responsibility for all federal  
24 education programs.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
26 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliot Richardson,  
27 Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable John L.  
28 McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations; the  
29 Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman of the House Committee on Education and

1 Labor; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S.  
2 Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of  
3 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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