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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the availability for use
6 of U.S. Public Health Service
7 hospitals and health facilities.

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

9 WHEREAS many people in the remote areas of the state are without suffi-
10 cient medical and dental care; and

11 WHEREAS in some communities such as Barrow, Kotzebue, Tanana,
12 Sitka and Kanakanak, physicians and dentists licensed to practice in Alaska
13 are forbidden the use of tax-supported hospitals and other Alaska Native
14 Health Service facilities for diagnosis, treatment or surgery; and

15 WHEREAS this is in violation of the spirit of Public Law 89-749 which
16 extends and improves public health service and medical and dental care for
17 all people in the nation and encourages cooperation between governmental and
18 nongovernmental agencies; and

19 WHEREAS it would promote a higher level of health for all the citizens
20 of remote areas of Alaska if licensed physicians and dentists could utilize
21 U.S. Public Health Service facilities for the private practice of medicine
22 where other facilities are not available;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Public Health Service is respectfully
24 requested to meet with representatives of the Alaska Department of Health and
25 Social Services and Senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel in order to draw
26 up a plan whereby U.S. Public Health Service facilities will be made avail-
27 able to all the people of Alaska and to all licensed physicians and dentists,
28 and establish user fees for these facilities equal to fees charged in
29 similar private institutions in the same area; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in the U.S. Congress is
2 respectfully requested to introduce legislation making these facilities
3 available to all sick people in Alaska under the care of physicians and
4 dentists licensed in Alaska.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elliott L.
6 Richardson, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. Jesse
7 L. Steinfeld, Surgeon General; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in
9 Congress.

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