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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of Alaska
6 physicians and facilities.

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

8 WHEREAS qualified specialist care and facilities for most medical and
9 surgical conditions now exist in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the proper basis for patient referral to a specialist or to a
11 facility is the considered judgment of the treating physician; and

12 WHEREAS government interference with the physician-patient relationship
13 to alter properly based referral patterns can only be harmful to the
14 patient, the physician and the general public;

15 BE IT RESOLVED that state health agencies and the United States Public
16 Health Service, when involved in the procurement of medical and surgical
17 health services for Alaskans, are respectfully requested to use Alaska
18 physicians and facilities when available, unless this is contrary to the
19 wishes of the treating physician.

20 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elliott L.
21 Richardson, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare;
22 Dr. Emery Johnson, Director, Indian Health Service; and to the Honorable
23 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, members of the
24 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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