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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH 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; and

17 WHEREAS it currently serves as the only United States nonmilitary focus  
18 on cold weather research on the health and social well-being of man in the  
19 arctic and subarctic environment; and

20 WHEREAS under the proposed federal budget for 1973-74 the Arctic Health  
21 Research Center will be abolished; and

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

25 WHEREAS the proposed termination of the operations of the Center is at  
26 the least a violation of the spirit of sec. 2(c) of the Alaska Native Claims  
27 Settlement Act;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the proposed abolition  
29 of the Arctic Health Research Center is deplored and it urgently requests the

1 President of the United States to direct the Office of Management and Budget  
2 to fully fund the Center for fiscal 1973-74.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Casper Weinberger,  
5 Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Roy L.  
6 Ash, Director Designate, Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable  
7 John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable  
8 George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; and to the  
9 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members  
10 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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