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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY
REQUEST OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE
ON NATIVE HOUSING AND SCHOOLS

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the appropriation of more
6 funds for Bureau of Indian Affairs
7 school construction.

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

9 WHEREAS the construction of Native schools nationwide and particularly
10 in Alaska is vital to the welfare of all citizens and deserving of the
11 highest priority in the realm of public assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, of the \$24,000,000 appropriation for FY 1974 for the BIA,
13 the only facility Alaska received was one kindergarten, and for 1975 opti-
14 mistic forecasts see the state receiving, at the most, only three kinder-
15 gartens and one small day school; and

16 WHEREAS under a unified school agreement between the state and the
17 BIA, schools presently under BIA administration that meet state standards
18 are to be transferred to the state, but most BIA schools cannot meet state
19 standards due to lack of funds for their upgrading; and

20 WHEREAS it would be most desirable for all concerned to have all
21 schools presently under BIA administration transferred at the same time;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the
23 United States Congress to appropriate more funds for the BIA school con-
24 struction program in Alaska so that the agency can more adequately and
25 realistically meet the educational needs of the people.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker
28 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable James Eastland, President of
29 the Senate; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the

1 Interior; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations
2 Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations
3 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
4 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members
5 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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