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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

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 schools  
21 presently under BIA administration in Alaska transferred to the people of  
22 Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court outlawed separate and unequal  
24 school systems in 1954;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the  
26 United States Congress to appropriate \$200,000,000 for the BIA school con-  
27 struction program in Alaska so that the agency can meet the educational needs  
28 of the people and cause the expeditious transfer of the BIA school system in  
29 Alaska to the state and people of Alaska.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker  
3 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable James Eastland, President of  
4 the Senate; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the  
5 Interior; the Honorable Morris Thompson, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian  
6 Affairs; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations  
7 Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations  
8 Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
9 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members  
10 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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