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by request of the Legislative Council  
by request of the Interim Committee  
on Native Housing and Schools

Offered: 4/13/74  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 84

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting immediate funding by the  
6 State Department of Education for new  
7 school construction at Akiak, Alaska and  
8 other rural areas in Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS the Akiak village school is approximately 40 years old; and

11 WHEREAS the building literally shakes when the tower bell is rung; and

12 WHEREAS the building has become extremely flammable; and

13 WHEREAS the parents of the students are, with good reason, reluctant to  
14 allow their children to attend school in the present facilities, but are even  
15 more hesitant to allow the students to leave home to attend different schools  
16 at their early ages, since the children are grades K through 6; and

17 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs has estimated that the construction  
18 costs to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs operated schools in Alaska up  
19 to the minimum standards promulgated by the state will exceed the sum of  
20 \$151,000,000; and

21 WHEREAS the capital improvement budget for Bureau of Indian Affairs  
22 schools in Alaska for fiscal year 1973 was \$248,000; and

23 WHEREAS the total amount appropriated for school construction purposes  
24 since 1969 is \$8,400,000; and

25 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is seeking to upgrade its rural school system  
26 to meet its own minimum standards;

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State Department  
29 of Education is requested to give immediate priority status to the funding of  
a new school at Akiak, Alaska; and be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs take vigorous  
2 action recognizing its joint responsibility with the State of Alaska to  
3 upgrade remaining rural schools to a level at least equal to the minimum  
4 standards prescribed by the state.

5           COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C.B.  
6 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Morris Thompson,  
7 Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable William A.  
8 Egan, Governor, and to Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner of Education; and  
9 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,  
10 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
11 delegation in Congress.

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