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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to personnel of the  
6 United States Public Health Service  
7 at Barrow.

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

9 WHEREAS currently there are only approximately 1.5 doctors and one  
10 dentist assigned by the United States Public Health Service to Barrow,  
11 Alaska, and

12 WHEREAS even now Barrow and the surrounding area comprises a health  
13 unit of approximately 5,000 persons; and

14 WHEREAS even with the existing population, there should be a minimum  
15 of three doctors and two dentists to adequately provide the minimum medical  
16 and dental services required by the population; and

17 WHEREAS with construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline scheduled to  
18 begin in the very near future, Barrow will undoubtedly experience an influx  
19 of persons who will further strain the existing medical and dental services  
20 available from the United States Public Health Service in Barrow;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department  
22 of Health, Education, and Welfare is respectfully requested to assign  
23 additional doctors, nurses, and dentists to the United States Public Health  
24 Service facility at Barrow, Alaska to insure the availability of medical  
25 and dental services required by the population base which currently and  
26 in the immediate future will be dependent upon Public Health Service  
27 personnel for their medical and dental needs.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W.  
29 Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare;

1 Charles C. Edwards, M. D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Public Health  
2 Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
3 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members  
4 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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