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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to personnel of the United
6 States Public Health Service at
7 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, dentists, and optometrists to the United States
24 Public Health Service facility at Barrow, Alaska, to insure the availability
25 of medical and dental services required by the population base which
26 currently and in the immediate future will be dependent upon Public Health
27 Service 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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