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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to quality day care programs.

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

7 WHEREAS the quality of early childhood care greatly influences the total
8 development of every child in realizing his human potential; and

9 WHEREAS the high cost of living in Alaska forces many parents to work
10 who would normally remain at home to care for their children; and

11 WHEREAS quality day care provides a wholesome, safe environment and
12 life-expanding opportunities to children of parents who must work; and

13 WHEREAS the turnover rate of all Alaskan employees is high, especially
14 those parents needing child care services; and

15 WHEREAS many parents who would potentially rely on the state for welfare
16 assistance would be able to enter employment if quality day care were avail-
17 able, and a savings to the state in funds would result; and

18 WHEREAS day care programs would provide training and expanded employment
19 opportunities statewide in the field of developmental child care;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
21 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Health and Social Ser-
22 vices, in coordination with the Department of Education, to request and
23 allocate funds for the implementation and maintenance of quality day care
24 programs in Alaska; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition, all local government authorities
26 of the state are requested to share in this commitment through the designa-
27 tion of portions of their revenue-sharing funds to aid in the support of
28 quality day care programs; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urgently requested

1 to reevaluate its efforts in support of the family and the raising of
2 children by working parents and to actively support Federal child development
3 legislation.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar W.
5 Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the
6 Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Chairman, Senate Labor and Public
7 Welfare Committee; the Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman, House Education
8 and Labor Committee; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
9 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
10 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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