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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting Congress to restore or
6 reallocate funds to Alaska under
7 Titles IV and XVI of the Social
8 Security Act.

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

10 WHEREAS recent federal congressional and administrative actions have
11 resulted in the termination of all special social services contracts in
12 Alaska under Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act, a loss of approxi-
13 mately \$16 million; and

14 WHEREAS the United States Congress placed a monetary ceiling on expendi-
15 tures under Titles IV and XVI and apportioned the available money to the
16 states on the basis of population; and

17 WHEREAS the Congress failed to provide for a reallocation of funds
18 from the most populous states which were unable to expend all their appropri-
19 ated funds to those less populous states, such as Alaska, the needs of which
20 are not necessarily reflected by population base; and

21 WHEREAS the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare
22 failed to provide or assist in providing those states which had massive
23 program losses with alternate sources of funding; and

24 WHEREAS Alaska has lost much needed and valuable programs in such areas
25 as day care and child care, recreation, community services, services for the
26 elderly, health and medical care services, vocational rehabilitation and
27 social services planning, among others; and

28 WHEREAS some of these lost programs required a great deal of community
29 effort and involvement on the part of many people whose efforts are now

1 futile and fruitless; and

2 WHEREAS an equivalent program loss in a populous state might not matter
3 greatly, however, to Alaska, with its myriad health and social services
4 problems, it was indeed a heavy blow and a great loss in people-oriented
5 service has been the result;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress
7 is requested to reevaluate its method of funding Titles IV and XVI of the
8 Social Security Act to allow for allocation of funds based on a realistic
9 standard such as need, rather than population; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that if the funding standard is not amenable to change,
11 then provision should be made for a reallocation of funds from states which
12 did not expend their total appropriations to those states which have suffered
13 serious and even devastating funding cutbacks; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Health, Education
15 and Welfare is requested to assist in the provision of alternate sources of
16 funding on a timely basis to the State of Alaska for Titles IV and XVI pro-
17 grams.

18 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Casper
19 Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and to
20 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators,
21 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.