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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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 life-
12 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 Services,
22 in coordination with the Department of Education, to request
23 funds for the implementation and maintenance of quality day care programs
24 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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