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BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the national postal service  
6 crisis.

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

8 Congress in 1970 abolished the traditional U.S. Post Office Department  
9 and replaced it with an independent agency called the U.S. Postal Service.  
10 The change was intended to remove the postal service from the taint of poli-  
11 tics, introduce businesslike procedures, and provide the Nation with an  
12 economic and efficient service that would pay its way. The result has been  
13 near-disaster. The traditional postal services have nearly disappeared and  
14 the price of service has skyrocketed. The Postmaster General promises us  
15 more cuts in service and higher postage rates and calls for federal subsidies.  
16 The postal service crisis calls out for immediate attention.

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the  
18 Congress is earnestly requested to reassume its responsibilities for pro-  
19 viding the Nation with a basic postal service system. It is suggested that  
20 priority attention be given to an assessment of the role of the federal  
21 government in providing a postal service in keeping with the national  
22 interest and then move expeditiously to implement the suggested system.  
23 The honorable members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress are requested  
24 to bring this matter to the early attention of the appropriate committees.  
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