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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65 am S

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, to give priority  
20 attention be given to an assessment of the role of the federal government in  
21 providing a postal service in keeping with the national interest and to  
22 move expeditiously to implement the suggested system.

23 COPIES of this resolution to be sent to the Honorable Gerald Ford,  
24 President of the United States, the Honorable Benjamin Bailar, Postmaster  
25 General, Mr. Henry Pratt, the Honorable Gale McGee, Chairman, U. S. Senate  
26 Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Honorable David Henderson,  
27 Chairman, U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Post Office and Civil  
28 Service; and the Honorable Mike Gravel, the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the  
29 Honorable Don Young, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, and

1 Mr. Ivan Hanson, District Manager, U. S. Postal Service.

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