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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to Medicare and hemophiliacs.

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

WHEREAS hemophiliacs have a high risk of incurring injury and complications requiring costly hospitalization and medical services; and

WHEREAS continuous replacement therapy for hemophilia is prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of such treatment, hemophilia may be considered a disabling condition with respect to many occupations; and

WHEREAS, due to the congenital and preexisting nature of hemophilia, private health insurance is unavailable to hemophiliacs; and

WHEREAS Congress has provided medical coverage for the disabled generally through the Medicare insurance program; and

WHEREAS Congress has included other particularly difficult conditions such as chronic renal disease within the definition of disability;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United States is urgently requested to amend the Social Security Act to include hemophilia as a condition within the definition of disability for purposes of coverage under parts A and B of Medicare.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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