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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the expenditure of funds  
6 appropriated for satellite ground stations  
7 to include television capabilities.

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

9 WHEREAS the Legislature in 1975 (chapter 88, SLA 1975) appropriated  
10 \$5 million to the Office of the Governor to initiate procurement and installa-  
11 tion of satellite terminals to serve rural Alaska communities; and

12 WHEREAS earth stations will be completed and ready to use and satellite  
13 communication satellites will be on line by the middle of March; and

14 WHEREAS there is an unencumbered balance remaining which is available  
15 for use; and

16 WHEREAS an appropriate use of the funds would be the installation of  
17 television capability and network programming in connection with satellite  
18 and ground station demonstration projects; and

19 WHEREAS RCA has a capability of doing this now, and network programming  
20 could be made available on a 24-hour basis to the demonstration projects and  
21 would then be available for broadcast by commercial television stations in  
22 Anchorage, Fairbanks, Nome, Bethel, Juneau, and Sitka;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
24 the Governor to direct the use of the unexpended balance of the 1975 appro-  
25 priation (chapter 88, SLA 1975) for installation of the television capability  
26 cited in this resolution.  
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