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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the United States Department of

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Housing and Urban Development to reinstate

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its commitment to build 80 units of low

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and moderate income housing in Juneau.

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

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WHEREAS Juneau historically has had a critical need for adequate housing

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and instituted an urban renewal program in 1963; and

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WHEREAS an 80-unit low and moderate income housing project to be pro-

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vided by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has been a

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part of the Comprehensive Plan for the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal Area

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since its inception; and

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WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan for the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal

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Area and the Juneau Area Housing Study have previously been formally

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approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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WHEREAS Juneau has planned to meet a part of the critical housing needs

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on the basis that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development pro-

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vide the 80 units of public housing to which it had committed itself; and

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WHEREAS this 80-unit housing project is the heart of the urban renewal

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project and is needed to attract the other developments which are essential

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to the urban renewal area; and

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WHEREAS, with the loss of the state capital, it is imperative that

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Juneau attract substantial employers to the area; and

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WHEREAS adequate and affordable housing is necessary to attract any

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substantial employer to the area; and

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WHEREAS the housing vacancy factor in both the public and private market

1 is less than one per cent and has hovered at this level for several years;  
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3 WHEREAS there is currently a waiting list which substantially exceeds  
4 100 persons for the federally assisted low and moderate income housing in  
5 the Juneau area; and

6 WHEREAS the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has for-  
7 mally withdrawn its commitment to provide the 80 units of low and moderate  
8 income housing, based on the adverse impact of the capital move; and

9 WHEREAS the capital move is years in the future and its ultimate effect  
10 problematical in view of the area's intent to diversify its economy;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
12 Department of Housing and Urban Development is urgently requested to reverse  
13 its decision to withdraw its commitment to provide the 80 units of low and  
14 moderate income housing in the Juneau Harborview Urban Renewal Area Project  
15 and to proceed immediately to construct these units.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James Lynn,  
17 Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to the  
18 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
19 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
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