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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal taxation of the Alaska  
6 longevity bonus.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature, in 1972, enacted the Alaska longevity  
9 bonus which provides certain longtime Alaskans with a \$100 a month incentive  
10 payment intended to enable the state's aged to remain in the state;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS the bonus provisions were enacted because of the vast economic  
13 hardship suffered by most elderly Alaskans if they desired to remain in the  
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS most of these "pioneers" eligible to receive the bonus payments  
16 are the same persons, who, in the prime of their life were, in effect, treated  
17 as second-class citizens by the federal government and who paid much of their  
18 hard earned income to a government in which they did not have the right to  
19 participate through the power of the ballot; and

20 WHEREAS even these persons eligible to receive the \$100 a month longevity  
21 bonus find it harder each succeeding day to be able to afford to live in the  
22 place of their choosing - Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS the fact that this small bonus is taxable under present federal  
24 law greatly diminishes the value of the bonus and under the circumstances  
25 appears to be a totally inequitable and confiscatory interpretation of  
26 income;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Govern-  
28 ment is urgently requested to exempt the Alaska longevity bonus payments from  
29 an individual's taxable income.

1 COPIES of this rresolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
2 President of the United States; the Honorable Donald C. Alexander, Commis-  
3 sioner, Internal Revenue Service; the Honorable Russel B. Long, Chairman,  
4 Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Al Ullman, Chairman, House Ways and  
5 Means Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike  
6 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,  
7 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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