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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Alaska office of the  
6 Crop Reporting Service.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska office of the Crop Reporting Service has been removed  
9 from the 1976 budget by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

10 WHEREAS this office was established in 1960, in cooperation with the  
11 Institute of Agricultural Services and the Department of Natural Resources,  
12 to provide a single source of agricultural information, thereby avoiding  
13 duplication of efforts in the collection, summarization and dissemination of  
14 information; and

15 WHEREAS the statistical information furnished by the office is utilized  
16 extensively by farmers and even more so by agri-business persons such as the  
17 state Division of Agriculture, the Department of Economic Development, and  
18 the Institute of Agricultural Sciences; and

19 WHEREAS individual agencies of the United States Department of Agricul-  
20 ture are in the process of "tooling up" for the pressures of changed land  
21 use; and

22 WHEREAS, without a regular, central data-gathering program, reliable  
23 statistical information will be extremely difficult for farmers, the univer-  
24 sity, and the state to secure, which would make it extremely difficult to  
25 know what is happening in the agricultural field in Alaska; and

26 WHEREAS the facts indicate that rather than lose the Alaska statistical  
27 resources, these resources should be expanded to cover many perimeters not  
28 now being assessed; and

29 WHEREAS funding for continuation of the Alaska office would only amount

1 to \$49,000;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
3 Department of Agriculture is urgently requested to reinstate the sum of  
4 \$49,000 in its budgetary request for funding of the Alaska office of the Crop  
5 Reporting Service and that the United States Congress approve this budgetary  
6 request.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Earl Butz,  
8 Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge,  
9 Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; the Honorable Thomas  
10 Foley, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted  
11 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
12 Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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