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1 IN THE SENATE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Endorsing the proposal that the United
6 States Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development build 122 units of low-income
8 and elderly housing in Juneau.

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

10 WHEREAS, historically, Juneau has had a critical need for adequate housing
11 and instituted an urban renewal program in 1963 to meet that need; and

12 WHEREAS a low-income and elderly housing project to be provided by the
13 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has been part of
14 the Comprehensive Plan for Juneau's Harborview Urban Renewal Area since its
15 inception; and

16 WHEREAS that comprehensive plan and the Juneau Area Housing Study previ-
17 ously have been formally approved by the United States Department of Housing
18 and Urban Development; and

19 WHEREAS Juneau has planned to meet a part of the critical housing needs
20 of the community on the basis that the United States Department of Housing
21 and Urban Development provide public housing units to which it had committed
22 itself; and

23 WHEREAS this housing project is the heart of the urban renewal project
24 and is needed to attract the other developments which are essential to the
25 success of the urban renewal program in the area; and

26 WHEREAS, with the loss of the state capital, it is imperative that Juneau
27 attract substantial employers to the Gastineau Channel area; adequate and
28 affordable housing is necessary to attract any substantial employer to the
29 area; and

1 WHEREAS the housing vacancy factor in the private market is currently
2 less than three per cent, and there are, at present, no vacancies in the
3 federal- and state-assisted housing units; and

4 WHEREAS, additionally, there are over 300 low-income families presently
5 residing in substandard housing; and

6 WHEREAS the current waiting list exceeds 100 persons, substantially in
7 excess of available federally assisted low-income housing in the Juneau area;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, on the basis of recent discussions between officials of the
10 City and Borough of Juneau and the United States Department of Housing and
11 Urban Development, the department has indicated its willingness to expand its
12 original commitment to provide 80 units of low-income and elderly housing
13 to the 122 units originally contemplated in the urban renewal plan despite
14 any future capital move; and

15 WHEREAS the capital move is years in the future and its ultimate impact
16 problematical in view of the area's effort to diversify its economy;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
18 Department of Housing and Urban Development is urgently requested to approve
19 an expanded commitment to provide 122 units of low-income and elderly housing
20 in Juneau's Harborview Urban Renewal Area Project and to proceed immediately
21 to construct these units; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes a moral
23 obligation to assist such a housing project should it in fact be placed in
24 economic jeopardy as a result of the capital move.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Carla Anderson
26 Hills, Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to
27 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
28 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
29 tion in Congress.