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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Urging implementation of national health

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insurance.

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

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WHEREAS every American citizen's rights to life, liberty and the pursuit

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of happiness entitles him or her to quality health care at a cost he or she

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can afford; and

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WHEREAS the cost index of medical care in the United States has increased

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more in recent years than any other component of the Consumer Price Index,

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with the total dollars spent on health care in 1976 reaching an estimated

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\$135 billion; and

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WHEREAS 22 per cent of the American people below the eligible age for

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Medicare have no basic hospital insurance and nearly 65 per cent have no

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coverage for visits to the doctor; and

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WHEREAS the high costs of health care discourage or prevent many Ameri-

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cans from seeking health care until minor health problems become major health

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crises; and

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WHEREAS the American people as a whole are spending more than any other

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nation for health care services, and yet the people of many other nations

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which spend far less have broader access to health care services; and

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WHEREAS President Carter and many congressional leaders acknowledged

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these problems in their campaigns and pledged to address them with comprehen-

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sive insurance;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the

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United States Congress to act promptly on comprehensive national health

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insurance legislation; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
2 President Carter to uphold his pledge to the American people and implement
3 comprehensive national health insurance legislation such as he proposed in
4 his campaign.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
6 President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker
7 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President
8 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
9 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
10 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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