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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67 am S

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting release of secretarial dis-

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cretionary funds for CETA programs in

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Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS the rate of unemployment in Alaska is extremely high; and

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WHEREAS federal funds under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act
(CETA) have been a source of partial alleviation of Alaska's high rate of
unemployment; and

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WHEREAS the necessary costs of administering CETA funds is higher in
Alaska than in many other states and, therefore, fewer CETA trainees can be
employed in Alaska on the same amount of funds; and

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WHEREAS, because of lack of funding, the Department of Community and
Regional Affairs, which is the prime conduit for CETA Title VI Emergency Job
Program funds in Alaska, plans to cut back 172 CETA positions in Alaska as of
March 31, 1978 and 64 more as of May 31, 1978; and

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WHEREAS this would result in the increased unemployment of Alaskan citi-
zens who have been hired by employers through the auspices of CETA; and

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WHEREAS, unless additional funding is obtained by March 31, 1978, those
Alaskan workers presently employed utilizing CETA funds will lose their jobs
and will be ineligible for CETA funds in the future; and

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WHEREAS Senator Mike Gravel has requested the United States Secretary of
Labor to release enough secretarial discretionary funds to ensure that any
cutbacks in CETA positions throughout Alaska can be carried out by attrition;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of

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Labor, as the federal official responsible for the nationwide administration

1 of employment funds under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA),
2 expeditiously release discretionary funds sufficient to ensure that any cut-
3 backs in the CETA Title VI Emergency Job Program administered by the Depart-
4 ment of Community and Regional Affairs can be carried out purely by attrition
5 and not result in Alaskan workers being forced into the ranks of the unem-
6 ployed.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable F. Ray Marshall,
8 Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor; and to the Honorable Mike Gravel and the
9 Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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