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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the President and Congress of
6 the United States to retain the
7 federal General Revenue Sharing
8 Program as presently constituted.

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

10 WHEREAS, since 1972, the federal General Revenue Sharing Program has
11 enabled the states and local governments to share directly in the federal
12 government revenue base; and

13 WHEREAS the General Revenue Sharing Program is the only federal program
14 which allows genuine flexibility in the use of federal funds by the recipi-
15 ents; and

16 WHEREAS, while the current General Revenue Sharing Program is not due to
17 expire until September 30, 1980, the Carter Administration is expected to
18 present its recommendations with respect to continued funding about May 15;
19 and

20 WHEREAS it has been reported that the administration will recommend
21 elimination of provisions in the General Revenue Sharing Program which author-
22 ize aid to state governments; and

23 WHEREAS S. 263, offered by Senator Bentsen, also provides for elimina-
24 tion of provisions of the General Revenue Sharing Program which authorize aid
25 to state governments; and

26 WHEREAS the removal from the General Revenue Sharing Program of those
27 provisions extending general revenue sharing assistance with the states would
28 be a step backward in the continuing effort to permit decision making about
29 programs at the state level;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
2 requests the President and Congress to continue the General Revenue Sharing
3 Program as the program is presently constituted.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
5 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
6 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
7 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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