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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE SPECIAL
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal appropriations
6 for agricultural research and exten-
7 sion work.

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

9 WHEREAS the proposed federal budget for fiscal year 1980 does not
10 recommend an increase in appropriations authorized by federal law for coopera-
11 tive research in agriculture and forestry and for cooperative extension work
12 at the University of Alaska and other land-grant universities; and

13 WHEREAS the proposed federal appropriations for the Alaska Agricultural
14 Experiment Station and for cooperative extension in Alaska does not provide
15 an increase to meet inflationary costs, which will result in a reduction of
16 the effectiveness of agricultural research and extension work in Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS a decrease in appropriations for agricultural research and
18 extension programs will jeopardize the long-standing state-federal partnership
19 designed to develop agricultural technology at a time when a strong agricul-
20 ture is essential for a healthy economy, for positive balance of payments
21 through food exports, and for a strong United States dollar; and

22 WHEREAS research and extension work in agriculture and forestry has
23 historically increased the production of food and wood products while reduc-
24 ing costs, which helps to control inflation; and

25 WHEREAS the state is committed to developing its agricultural base to
26 stabilize food costs, to alleviate unemployment, and to reduce the major
27 dependence of the Alaskan economy on nonrenewable resources; and

28 WHEREAS the continued development of agricultural production and the
29 agricultural support sector is essential for the welfare of Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS if the proposed fiscal year 1980 budget is enacted by Congress,
2 the effectiveness of the Agricultural Experiment Station and cooperative
3 extension service in Alaska will be diminished;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that President Jimmy
5 Carter is respectfully requested to increase his proposed budget for fiscal
6 year 1980 to include an increase in appropriations for agricultural research
7 and extension programs at the University of Alaska and at other land-grant
8 universities.

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

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