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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the jurisdiction of
6 federal courts.

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

8 WHEREAS Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the United States
9 gives the federal courts judicial rather than legislative power; and

10 WHEREAS judicial activism of the federal courts related to school
11 prayer, busing, and abortion has exceeded the bounds of judicial power; and

12 WHEREAS matters related to school prayer, busing, and abortion are
13 policy decisions for state legislatures; and

14 WHEREAS the workload of the federal courts has almost doubled in the
15 last 10 years; and

16 WHEREAS the increased workload prompted each of the nine Justices of
17 the Supreme Court to request in June 1978 that the Congress of the United
18 States reduce the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; and

19 WHEREAS Article III of the Constitution grants Congress complete dis-
20 cretionary authority to change the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme
21 Court; and

22 WHEREAS Congress has often exercised its power to change and regulate
23 the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges
25 Congress to enact legislation to remove cases involving public school prayer,
26 forced busing to achieve integration, and abortion from the appellate juris-
27 diction of the Supreme Court and the original jurisdiction of district
28 courts.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,

1 President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice President of
2 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P.
3 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
4 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
5 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-
6 gation in Congress.

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