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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the cost-of-living allow-
6 ance paid to federal employees in
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS a large percentage of the population of Alaska is employed by
10 the federal government; and

11 WHEREAS the living costs of these federal employees are significantly
12 higher than those of federal employees in other areas; and

13 WHEREAS federal employees working in Alaska formerly received a cost-of-
14 living allowance equal to 25 percent of their base pay in order to compensate
15 for higher living costs in Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS recent evaluations of the federal cost-of-living allowance by
17 the Office of Personnel Management of the Civil Service Commission have
18 resulted in reduction of the former cost-of-living allowance by more than 35
19 percent over the past two years; and

20 WHEREAS the 17.5 percent cost-of-living allowance now being paid to
21 federal employees in Alaska is inadequate to compensate these employees for
22 the higher cost of living in the state; and

23 WHEREAS this reduced cost-of-living allowance has been imposed on federal
24 employees in Alaska without opportunity to comment on or to challenge the
25 validity of the assumptions made by the Office of Personnel Management in
26 calculating the allowance; and

27 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports efforts of federal
28 employees in Alaska to have their former cost-of-living allowance restored;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the

