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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY WARD

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to payment for health services

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provided by the Alaska Area Native

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Health Service.

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

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WHEREAS the Alaska Area Native Health Service provides needed health
10 services without charge; and

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WHEREAS many persons who receive services from the Alaska Area Native
12 Health Service are also covered by individual or group health insurance
13 policies; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska Area Native Health Service does not receive reim-
15 bursement for health services provided to persons who are covered by indi-
16 vidual or group health insurance policies; and

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WHEREAS the effect of this Alaska Area Native Health Service reim-
18 bursement policy is to shift the cost of the services from covered persons
19 and their insurers to the public; and

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WHEREAS the cost of health services provided to persons who have
21 health insurance should be borne by those persons and their insurers rather
22 than by the public;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
24 Congress is urged to adopt legislation that would require persons who
25 receive services from the Alaska Area Native Health Service and who are
26 covered by individual or group health insurance policies to pay the Alaska
27 Area Native Health Service for the value of health services provided to
28 them; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urged to consider

1 in the same legislation a provision dedicating money collected from Alaska
2 Area Native Health Service patients to the operations of the Alaska Area
3 Native Health Service.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens
5 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
6 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.