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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY WARD

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 am

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urged to consider
29 in the same legislation a provision dedicating money collected from Alaska

1 Area Native Health Service patients to the operations of the Alaska Area
2 Native Health Service.

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